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Hoop. Dance

▶ Joseph Charron performs a hoop dance on Victoria Island yesterday during an announcement by Ottawa West-Napean MPP Bob Chiarelli of provincial funding to support aboriginal tourism training in Ottawa. See story, Page 6.

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Training in tourism

Water woes for south end

- Ban effective immediately
- Could last until mid-August
- Will affect between 60,000 to 80,000 people

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Residents of Barrhaven, Riverside South and Manotick won't be allowed to wash their cars or water their laws with city water for most of the summer.

"I want to assure council and the public that if there was any other options I would not be taking this action," deputy city manager Nancy Schepers said yesterday as she announced the ban.

The ban comes after problems with a transmission watermain, installed in 1976, that supplies the area. It first failed in 2007 and broke again in February, causing a large sinkhole on Woodroffe Avenue that swallowed a city worker's truck.

Repairs begin this week, but officials feared warmer weather would prompt residents to fill swimming pools and strain the system.

Regular indoor use of water won't pose a problem, but too much demand could lead to a brief total ban on water use or a boil water advisory, said Schepers.

Bylaw officers will be on patrol, educating the public of the consequences of breaking the ban and laying fines of a minimum of $500 for serious offenders.

To help, the city will offer a free service to fill pools and hot tubs. While the city will be offering assistance to garden centres in the area, officials will ask car washes to voluntarily cease operations, Schepers said.

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"If the system runs dry, there are very serious consequences."
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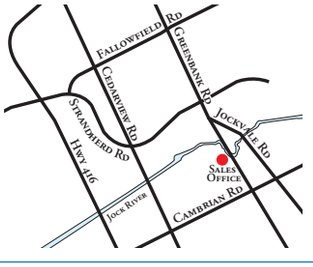

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Water ban dries up summer plans

Residents worry about gardens; expect to miss using local splash pad

Charlene Smith and her son William, 7, usually enjoy riding their bikes through the splash pad at the South Nepean Park in Barrhaven.

"It's going to be hard — hard for everyone," Smith said when she learned that the splash pad won't be operating this summer because of the South Ottawa outdoor water ban.

It isn't only the splash pad they'll miss. Smith works at a garden centre and she'll have to choose different plants for her garden this year.

She suggests gardeners in the ban area use high-quality soil and that they plant cacti or flowering succulents like the portulaca.

"It's got a nice flower that doesn't like to be watered frequently," she said. "As far as impatiens and hydrangeas, they're going to suffer this year."

Chapman Mills resident Stephanie Luedee worries that with the immediate ban on outdoor water usage she won't be able to grow her flowers and vegetables.

"I spend about $500 a year on plants (and) flowers, and grow my own vegetables," she said. "And I was hoping to be able to expand on it this summer. Because of the rising cost of groceries, I wanted to be able to supply some of the vegetables through my own garden, and I'm not going to be able to do that because I'm not going to invest $500 in plants if I can't water them."

She said she probably won't try the rain-barrel idea because she reacts badly to mosquitoes, and doesn't want stagnant water next to her townhome.

JESSICA SMITH, WITH FILES FROM JOE LOFARO

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▶ Charlene Smith and her son William, 7, were disappointed yesterday to find the South Nepean Park splash pad wasn't operating and likely won't be for much of the summer because of a problem with a city water main.

This year of all years

As Ottawa flirted with summer-like temperatures on the same day they heard news of a water-use ban in the south end, Environment Canada didn't have good news.

"The forecast for the summer calls for temperatures to be warmer than normal," said David Phillips, a senior climatologist. SEAN MCKIBBON

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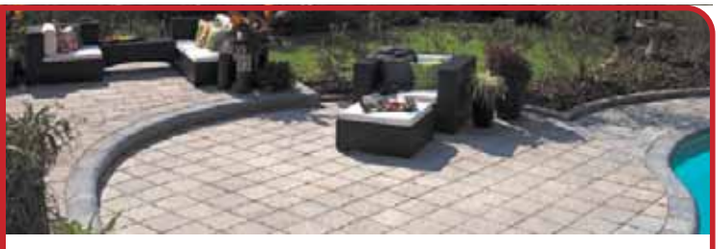

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▶ Artist Pauline Lochhead, daughter of renowned Ottawa-born artist Kenneth Lochhead, poses in front of her father's artwork portrayed on a B.C. banner.

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Celebrating Canadian art

The NCC unveiled 13 2011 Provincial and Territorial Confederation Boulevard banners yesterday at the Canada Council Art Bank. The banners feature scenery of each Canadian province and territory.

Monarchists a tad excited

▶ 'Fairytale' wedding a precursor to Will and Kate's visit to Ottawa in July: League spokesperson ▶ Guests will dress up to watch wedding on live TV, have high tea, send congratulatory card to Buckingham Palace

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Monarchists young and old will wake up in the wee hours of the morning Friday to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot on the big screen at the Chateau Laurier.

Beginning at 5 a.m., the Ottawa branch of the Monarchist League of Canada will host a Royal Wedding-themed breakfast complete with fruit and scones in the lush Zoe's Lounge.

"I think it's wonderful. It's every girl's fairy tale to grow up and marry a prince so it's great to see someone who is doing it."
SUSAN HAYWOOD, MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA MEMBER

"They will one day be the King and Queen of Canada so I think there's a great interest on the part of Canadians to take part in this because this is as much a Canadian celebration as it is a U.K. celebration," said Matthew Rowe, the Ottawa branch's spokesperson.

He expects a cross section of people to attend the event, including a few as young as 16 years old.

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▶ Susan Haywood

Council scraps plan

A day after protesters marched on King Edward Avenue demanding city council reduce the road's six lanes to four, council refused to pass a motion that would have made it happen.

Somerset Councillor Diane Holmes proposed allowing parking on King Edward Avenue 24-hours a day, seven days a week as an intermediate step to permanently reducing the road to four lanes.

Councillor Rainer Bloess spoke against the motion, saying King Edward Avenue will be reduced to four lanes when an interprovincial bridge is built over the Ottawa River and council should spend its efforts on that project instead.

JESSICA SMITH

Mayor honours heroes

Two men credited with saving the life of a recreational hockey player were recognized for heroism at city hall yesterday. Brian Nielsen and Eric Dessureault provided first aid when the player suffered a cardiac arrest at the Tom Brown Arena on April 5. The two performed CPR until the player regained consciousness and stayed with him until paramedics arrived.

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▶ River Ward Councillor Maria McRae, left, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, right, and Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Councillor Keith Egli present City of Ottawa Awards for Heroism to Brian Nielsen and Eric Dessureault, centre.

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Aboriginal culture gets funding boost

Money to boost tourism economy, employ youth

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Young people will get a chance to explore their aboriginal heritage and sharpen the skills they need to work in the tourism industry with the help of a $20,000 grant from the province.

The money is going to the Turtle Island Tourism Company to train young people to enter the aboriginal tourism field.

"It will allow them to go back with their elders and explore more of their own heritage and we'll support that with training in dance, theatre, storytelling and interpretation so they'll have a real balance of tourism and cultural skills," said the company's president, Trina Simard.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

▶ MPP Bob Chiarelli with members of Turtle Island Tourism Company.

Twenty-two-year-old Joseph Charron has worked in tourism for seven years as a dancer and teacher.

"This initiative is going to catch on like wildfire because it makes so much sense."
OTTAWA WEST – NAPEAN MPP BOB CHIARELLI, ANNOUNCING THE GRANT ON VICTORIA ISLAND

"I teach dance, the way we used to hunt, how connected we are to the land ..." he said.

He said there's always more to learn about his Naskapi heritage that he can use in the tourism industry.

"Learning is every day," he said. "It's like the hoop dance — you can never perfect the hoop dance, you can always get better."

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▶ Comedians Matt Carter, Alex Wood and Trevor Thompson ham it up as they check out the digs of the very politicians they will be roasting tonight during a comedy night devoted to political comedy and the federal election.

Group pokes fun at party leaders

As the federal election moves into its final act a group of local comedians will have an act of their own with a satirical take on the parties' platforms.

"We came up with the idea right after the election was called," said show organizer Jennifer Holtom, about the political comedy show happening tonight at Yuk Yuk's at the Prescott Hotel on Preston Street.

"We thought, what a great opportunity to write some new material and also stimulate discussion of the issues of the day, sort of an art influencing politics and life kind of a thing."

Billed as an "anything goes" night, Holtom said the show will be non-partisan and poke fun at all of the parties. Local candidates have been invited to the show, but so far only Green Party Ottawa-Centre candidate Jen Hunter has confirmed she will attend, Holtom said.

Host Trevor Thompson will be joined by a variety of local comics, including Mike Beatty, Matt Carter, Alex Wood, Holtom said.

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Show details

Show starts at 8 p.m.

- Tickets for the event are $12, or $10 with a valid membership from a political party.
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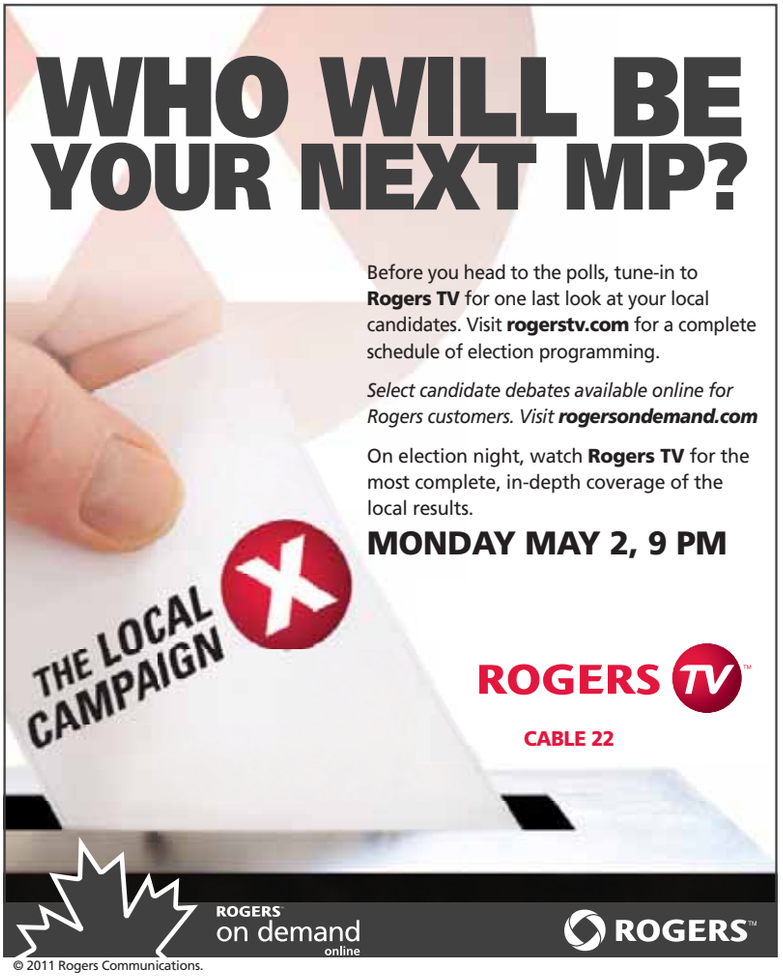
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More politicos than romantics in Canada

A spike in media coverage may have boosted interest in the royal wedding One in five Canadians will watch

What would Canadians rather watch — aspiring prime ministers swapping barbs, or a glamorous royal couple exchanging vows?

A pair of recent surveys suggest Canada's political leaders may come out on top.

A poll assessing national interest in the upcoming royal wedding suggests about 40 per cent of Canadians have been making plans to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot Friday.

The poll found 19 per cent of Canadians said they were very likely to watch the royal nuptials on television, with an additional 20 per cent saying they were somewhat likely to tune in.

About 15 per cent of Canadians said they were somewhat unlikely to watch the wedding, while 44 per cent said they were very unlikely to do so.

Impressive as those figures may seem for an event in the early morning hours across the country, they fall short of the 51 per cent that declared their intention of watching the English-language election debate that was on TV earlier this month.

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Age, sex, location?

Interest in the royal wedding varies among demos.

- **Female** Twenty-six per cent of women plan to watch the ceremony, compared to 11 per cent of men.
- **Youth** Those over the age of 50 are more likely to watch (30 per cent) compared to just six per cent of those 18 to 34.
- **Region** In Quebec, 52 per cent of survey respondents said they were very unlikely to watch the festivities.

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▶ A bookie takes bets outside Westminster Abbey yesterday. Interest in the royal wedding may be low among Canadian youth, but in London, spectators of all ages are gathering around the route that Prince William and Kate Middleton will take Friday.

Layton eyes 24 Sussex as NDP surges in polls

Election 2011

One says Sussex Drive, the other Stornoway.

Jack Layton and Stephen Harper don't agree, naturally, on where the NDP leader ought to be after Monday's vote — running the country or leading the official Opposition.

But the very fact they're talking seriously about such things, once laughably unlikely, now forehead-slappingly possible, shows just how utterly on its ear the federal campaign has been turned.

Layton nearly brought the house down yesterday with a well-worn bit of dare-to-dream campaign rhetoric.

"As your prime minister," he began, only to be drowned out by a deafening chorus of partisan cheering. "Sounds like you like that phrase," he grinned mischievously.

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NDP jump

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Meeting turns to massacre in Afghanistan

Afghan military pilot killed eight U.S. soldiers and one civilian Gunman had no ties to Taliban

A veteran Afghan military pilot said to be distressed over his personal finances opened fire at Kabul airport after an argument yesterday, killing eight U.S. troops and an American civilian contractor.

It was the deadliest episode of an Afghan turning against his coalition partners. The veteran military pilot was killed during the attack and five Afghan soldiers were injured.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said all nine of those killed by the pilot were Americans. The Afghan Defence Ministry said the pilot fired on the Americans after an argument in the Afghan Air Corps at Kabul airport.

20 The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the gunman was impersonating an army officer. But the Defence Ministry said the gunman was an Afghan military pilot of 20 years.

"Suddenly, in the middle of the meeting, shooting started," said Afghan Air Corps spokesman Col. Bahader, who uses only one name. "After the shooting started, we saw a number of Afghan army officers and soldiers running out of the building. Some were even throwing themselves out of the windows to get away."

Dr. Mohammad Hassan Sahibi, the brother of the shooter, said his brother had been battling financial troubles. But Sahibi said his brother had no ties to insurgents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil. Aflame

▶ An Afghan policeman leads a firefighter out of the scene of a burning NATO fuel tanker yesterday.

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NATO fuel tanker targeted

A bomb planted underneath a tanker carrying fuel for the NATO forces exploded on Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. Police officials said there were no casualties.

Learning from past

The American-led war in Afghanistan is heading toward an outcome similar to the disastrous Soviet invasion three decades ago, a new academic analysis concludes.

The analysis concludes the U.S. and its allies have three choices: Declare victory and leave, settle in for a long-protracted attempt at nation-building that will likely fail, or focus narrowly on counter-terrorism.

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The government response to this has been to never admit mistakes, and never apologize. This has no heart for me and should not for you. This cannot be rewarded in this election. We desperately need a new culture in parliament of respect for truth, accepting responsibility, admitting mistakes, of apology, and making it right. Minority governments may well be a new reality for Canada and we need statesmanship, not autocrats.

Now it is time for democracy. It is time for accountability. It is time for ethics. If we put honest people who care in government, we have a future. If we get the ethics right, all else will be dealt with fairly. Unethical behaviour cannot be rewarded.

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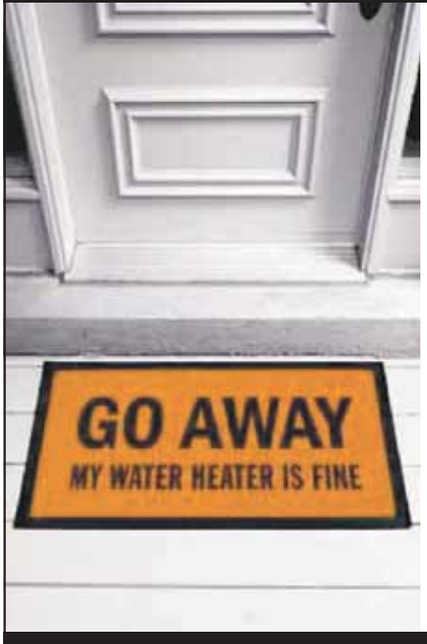

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▶ Foreign evacuees, who fled the besieged city of Misrata, carry their baggage as they are relocated into tents at a temporary refugee camp in Benghazi, Libya, yesterday. The camp provides shelter, basic humanitarian needs and transportation to the Egyptian borders for the displaced who are fleeing conflict zones.

Crisis in Misrata worsens

Food stocks dwindling in the Libyan city NATO increases air strikes as EU pledges US$146 million in aid

NATO warplanes pounded forces loyal to Libyan leader Moaamar Gadhafi attacking the rebel-held city of Misrata, blasting fighting vehicles advancing on the port that serves as the besieged city's sole lifeline, a NATO spokeswoman said yesterday.

The battle for Misrata has become the focal point of the uprising against Gadhafi's regime, and the near-constant shelling of the city by government troops over the past two months has spurred calls for more forceful international intervention to stop the bloodshed.

"NATO forces moved quickly to break up a force advancing on Misrata port."
CARMEN ROMERO, NATO SPOKESWOMAN

In Brussels, the EU commissioner for humanitarian aid said the shelling of the Misrata port has worsened the already bad humanitarian situation in the city and that the 27-nation group has set aside US$146 million to address pressing humanitarian needs.

"The port shelling hampers vessel rotation and therefore hinders further evacuations," said commissioner Kristalina Georgieva.

"The delivery of food, medical supplies and other relief items has been interrupted, and it is close to impossible for our humanitarian partners to evacuate the wounded and civilians by sea."

A resident in Misrata said the city's food stocks were dwindling, and that relief supplies brought by U.N. aid agencies were not enough to meet requirements.

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▶ A female anti-government protestor chants slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, yesterday.

Popular uprising

Yemeni security forces opened fire on a massive anti-government demonstration in the capital Sanaa yesterday, killing 12 protesters and wounding some 190, a doctor at the scene said.

- **Landmark** The violence broke out as about 100,000 government opponents filled a landmark square at the epicenter of the uprising, spilling into the streets around the state TV building.
- **Civil society** Yemenis in at least 18 cities and towns launched a civil disobedience campaign yesterday in an escalation of their more than two-month-old uprising to bring down long-serving President Ali Abdullah Saleh.
- **Shut down** Shops, schools and government offices were shuttered. The closures are planned twice weekly until Saleh steps down, activists said.
- **Revolt** At times, millions have flooded the streets of the capital and other cities and towns.

TANKS TRUMP SUPPLIES IN SYRIA

The city at the heart of Syria's monthlong uprising ran low on food, water and medicine yesterday as the army sent in more tanks and reinforcements as part of a widening crackdown against opponents of President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime, witnesses said.

Two residents in Daraa said at least five army officers had sided with demonstrators, and conscripted soldiers sent into the city were quietly refusing orders to detain people at checkpoints and were allowing some people through to get scarce supplies. But the Syrian government denied that there had been any splits in the military, which is seen as fiercely loyal to Assad.

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LTE NETWORKS

Rogers pulls a fast one

Rogers Communications Inc. will roll out an even faster wireless network this year to serve its mobile phone and laptop users, beating rival Telus in the race to have the fastest network.

Long-Term Evolution networks, which are coming into use globally, offer mobile users the equivalent of a home or office Internet connection. LTE service is three to four times faster than Rogers' existing network, chief executive Nadir Mohamed told an annual shareholder meeting yesterday in Toronto.

Vancouver-based Telus will introduce its own LTE network next year. Montreal-based Bell has announced it's also testing the technology but hasn't said when it will launch its network.

LTE is expected to reach Canada's Top 25 markets by the end of 2012. Devices that run on LTE networks are just starting to be sold to consumers.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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Air Canada Express finally takes wing

Montreal-Toronto service could cause flap with rivals Porter, WestJet

Air Canada's rebranding of its regional service is set to take flight Sunday with the launch of Air Canada Express service between Montreal and Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

Sky Regional will begin contracted service with five slightly used Q400 aircraft. But the fleet of 120 Jazz planes owned by Chorus Aviation will gradually get new colours as they come in for maintenance, as will the 15 new Bombardier Q400s on order.

Non-unionized Sky Regional is one of several small carriers that have contracts with Canada's largest airline. It has 30 flight attendants and 30 pilots.

"In the U.S. and in Europe, a lot of big airlines use multiple carriers for their regional feed."
BEN SMITH, CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AIR CANADA

Ben Smith, Air Canada's chief commercial officer, said bookings for the new service are running as planned. About 60 per cent of passengers are expected to be corporate customers.

To compete with Porter Airlines, which also operates from the Toronto island airport, the new service will also offer beverages and food. And passengers will have the flexibility to fly into the island airport, but out of Pearson International.

In addition to creating a unified regional service, Air Canada is looking at the viability of a low-cost carrier and is holding discussions with its labour unions.

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▶ Chief Commercial Officer Ben Smith shows a Bombardier Q400 aircraft yesterday in Montreal as Air Canada announced the resumption of service between Pierre Trudeau airport and the Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

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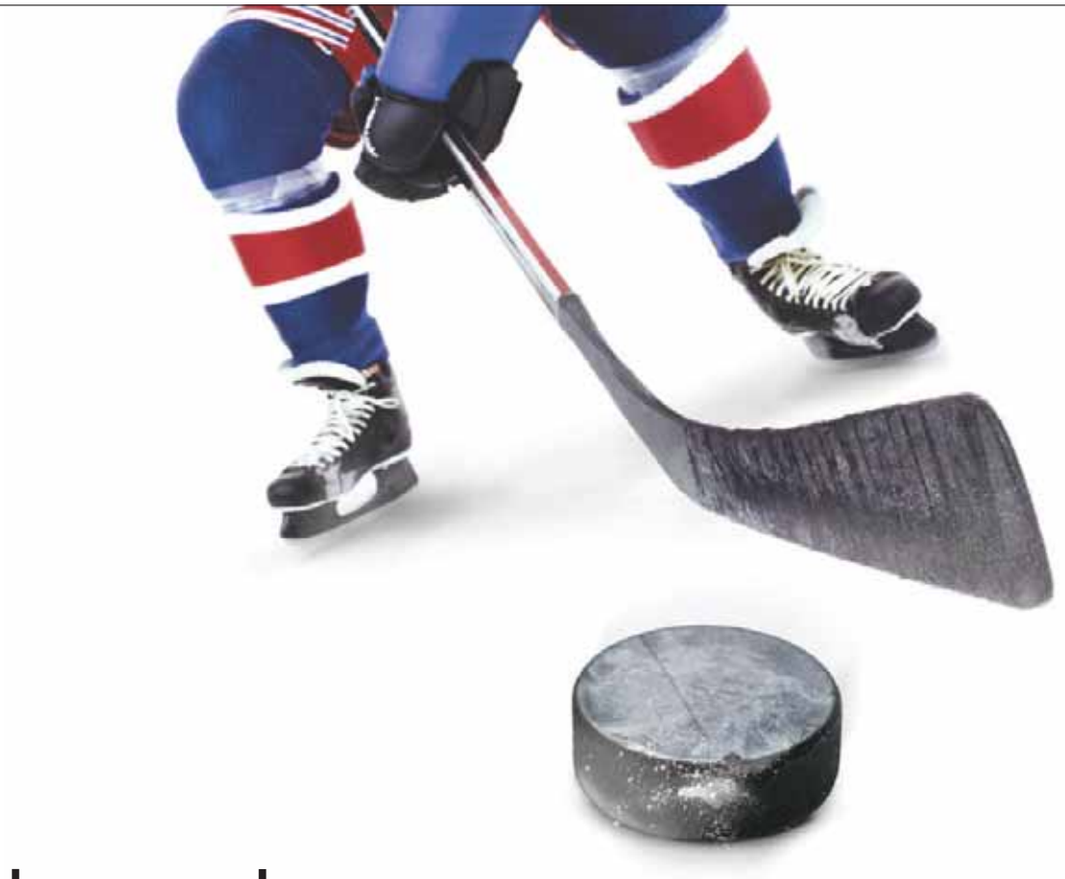

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SOUNDING OFF ON MOVIEGOERS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

It's time for summer movie season, where the action is fast, the sound is explosive, and the people are idiots.

I used to see lots of movies in public during the summer months. But then I realized the public will be there, so I stopped. Way too many of my memorable movie-going experiences have nothing to do with the film.

Consider:

Life Is Beautiful: Two elderly women could not keep up with the subtitles, largely because they were reading them out loud. When there was a time jump after a love scene, they expressed confusion about where the amorous couple had found a young boy.

The Blair Witch Project: A young woman sitting behind me talked in equal measure about how scared she was and how she had absolutely no idea what was going on. At one point, she saw that one of the characters had a rip in his jeans and squealed, "What does it mean?!"

"Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers."

Contact: The movie starts with a long, beautiful shot of the noiseless vacuum of outer space, which led people throughout the theatre to yell, "Something's wrong with the sound! Hello? HELLO?!"

People like this used to make me angry, but I have recently realized it's not their fault. The fault lies with our whole attitude toward blockbuster movies, especially during the summer season of "event" films, which are required by law to contain a constant mix of bosoms, explosions, and/or zombies.

Most of these movies suck, but if you say that, then somebody will inevitably say, "Just turn your brain off and enjoy it." I hate that.

Watching a bad movie must be the only human endeavour where dumbing yourself down is considered acceptable. Imagine if you were eating spoiled lasagna and a friend said, "Just turn your brain off and revert to a dog-like state where the meat causes you joy."

Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers.

I see now that these are all normal people — who during their day-to-day lives have minds and manners and children who love them — but who during movies "turn off their brains" so they can enjoy the ride.

And that's why I avoid seeing blockbusters in public. Because if I didn't, I might become the next summer-movie mindless zombie. If that ever happens to me, you know what to do ...

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

metro life panel

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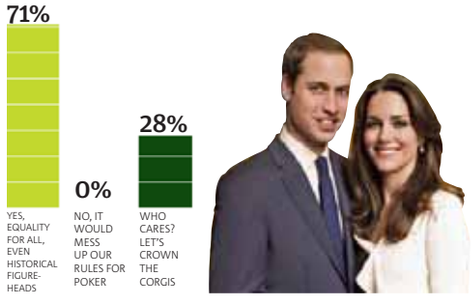
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Local tweets

- **@Guigwime:** So who's getting a full festival pass for #Bluesfest?
- **@alambzz:** Bluesfest lineup — http://www.ottawabluesfest.ca/performances/grid There goes my July paychecks!!
- **@Rainsoftottawa:** RT @ottawastart: Of course, Bluesfest isn't the only fest in town this summer — here's our HUGE list of local festivals: http://bit.ly/96kovG
- **@nicholasjfraser:** Just finished packing @curtkent house into the truck. Ottawa's losing a great guy. Gonna miss you dude.
- **@mikefisher1212:** I've been getting some comments about my profile pic. No I didn't draw it and yes he got the chin and zoro stache right on!!
- **@chadzmom:** @mikefisher1212 Mike, I liked the beard and hair you rocked in Ottawa against Anaheim in 1997. Dude, you looked like Jesus with sunglasses!
- **@Loganizer:** The rest of the Ottawa Bluesfest lineup is pretty sick, but MY MORNING JACKET IS THE BEST THING THAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN TO OUR CITY!!!!!!

Letters

Re: Breaking up ain't hard (Metro, April 26)

OTTAWA. As a young woman living in Ottawa Centre, I was personally insulted by the comments made by Helen Friel (Ottawa-Centre Conservative candidate Damian Konstantinakos' campaign office manager), in which she suggested that women dislike Stephen Harper simply because we don't find him "charming."

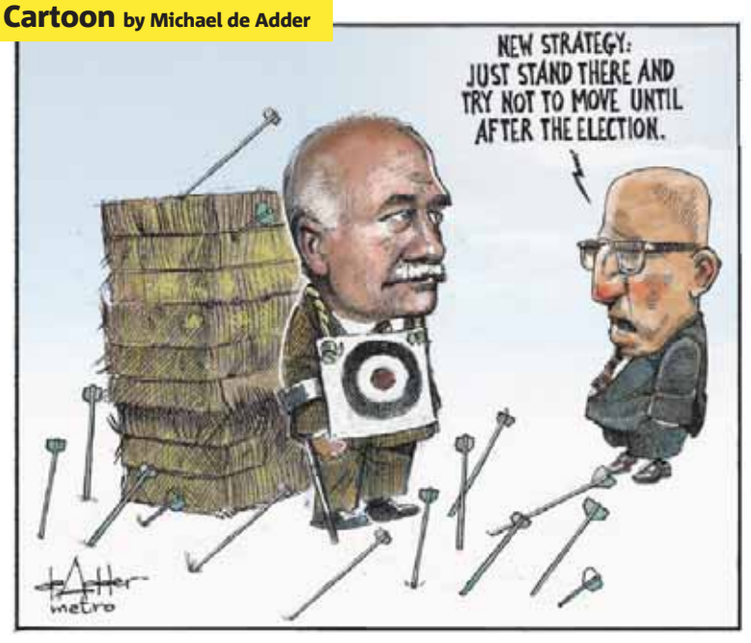
It is exactly this patronizing mentality demonstrated by the Conservative party that deters women such as myself from supporting them.

I feel that Friel's comments imply that women lack the capacity to make rational informed decisions, a stereotype that women have been fighting for years — a fight that has perhaps become more difficult since the Harper government cut funding for women's advocacy by 43 per cent.

Other cuts have included the closing of 12 out of 16 Status of Women offices, and the scrapping of our progressive Court Challenges program.

Yeah, I guess we don't find those things "charming." **GLENNYS EGAN**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Her golden locks needed protection

Romanians are known to be security conscious, but when the parliament speaker was accompanied by six security officers funded by the taxpayer to the hairdresser, some considered it too much.

Click, a daily newspaper, reported yesterday that Roberta Anastase was guarded by six officers who waited for her outside the hairdresser's during a recent three-hour appointment.

Roberta Anastase

Anastase, who was crowned Miss Romania in 1994, is the third most important person in the Romanian state hierarchy and is legally entitled to around-the-clock security, the Romanian parliament said, responding to the article.

Political commentator Cristian Teodorescu questioned whether Anastase needs 17 guards, which are tasked for her 'round-the-clock protection.

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Finding their way in the music biz

Saskatoon's Wide Mouth Mason have been playing together since the mid '90s They just completed their seventh album – their first in five years

HANDOUT

▶ Canadian rockers Wide Mouth Mason are playing Mavericks Saturday at 9 p.m.

BACKSTAGE PASS

JEN TRAPLIN
METRO OTTAWA

The guys in Wide Mouth Mason have been making music together since 1995. They've received multiple Juno nominations, toured across North America and have released six albums, two of which have been certified gold. Now, 15 years later, they find themselves in an uncertain yet empowering position.

Wide Mouth Mason currently aren't signed to a record label. They also just finished recording their first album in over five years, No Bad Days. That means the band has some decisions to make.

"We're doing some shopping right now," says drummer Safwan Javed. "The industry has changed so much from 10 to 15 years ago. There's a little bit more leverage, or at least flexibility, in terms of artists being able to say to a label 'tell us what you're going to do for us and we'll decide whether it's worth our while or not.'"

Because of the ever-changing climate of the music industry, Javed says it forces artists to learn more about their line of work. "There's something to be said for learning about the industry in which you're submerged and this sort of approach forces artists to do that."

And, to prove that point, Safwan Javed definitely talks the talk and walks the walk. On top of being the drummer for Wide Mouth Mason, he is also a music/entertainment/copyright lawyer, having completed law school while the band was on a break.

"The opportunity was there, we had all agreed to take a hiatus and experiment with other things. My choice was to go to school and I'm happy I did."

While talks with labels continue, Wide Mouth Mason is playing gigs around Canada, including a stop at Mavericks (221 Rideau St.) with The Sheepdogs on Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets are $18 through Ticketmaster.

Beatles as you've never heard before

Under the artistic direction of Francis Colpron, the musicians of Les Boréades de Montréal perform an enthusiastic tribute to the Beatles with instruments dating back to the late 16th century.

They have also just released another compilation album, The Best of Beatles Baroque, the fourth album in the series.

For additional info, go to shenkmanarts.ca.

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JEN TRAPLIN

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JEN TRAPLIN

2 scene

Scene in brief

Steven Tyler says he wasn't the only Aerosmith member who was abusing drugs in recent years. In an interview with Rolling Stone, Tyler says he and Joe Perry did drugs together in 2008 after years of sobriety. Aerosmith had been working on a new album that never developed.

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NYC police investigate post-concert police escort of Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs, say it wasn't OK'd

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Lookalikes looking for love

10 William and Kate doubles from across the EU get hitched in London **Italian-U.K. couple win competition**

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With just 48 hours to go in the Royal Wedding countdown, Europe's 10 best Prince William and Kate Middleton lookalikes gathered by London landmark Tower Bridge to find out if they had won the final round of a royal lookalike contest.

Hundreds of entrants from all over Europe entered a competition launched by cheap flight airline EasyJet, but it was Simon Watkinson from U.K. and Orsola Rossi from Italy who were crowned as the ultimate Prince and Princess lookalikes. They each won a year's worth of free EasyJet flights.

"I have never thought about being a Kate lookalike until 20 days ago when a friends told me I look like the bride-to-be," Orsola Rossi, 30, from Milan told Metro. "I don't think I will profit from it, but I really enjoy visiting London and being a Kate lookalike."

"It is unbelievable that many strange people on the streets keep telling me I look like William," said Simon Watkinson, 29, an engineer who now works as a Prince William impersonator and bears the most remarkable resemblance to the future King.

"I think one of the reasons is that William is sort of losing his hair a bit, and mine's receding a little," he added before he kissed a Kate lookalike on the cheek, just like Prince William would do to Kate.

Besides the most similar appearances to Will and Kate, the judges also assessed how the 'Kates' threw their bouquets and curtseyed in their wedding dress, and how well the RAF uniform-attired Wills' proposed to their brides with one knee on the ground.

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▶ Royal lookalikes have descended on London for a competition.

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Living the life of a royal lookalike

While the official royal couple launch boats and visit hospitals, their spitting-images have been busier than ever with parties and photo shoots. We spoke to Andy Walker, Prince William look-alike, about his life of having a famous face.

When did you discover that you looked like Prince William?

I have had people say it throughout my life but I never really thought anything of it. I certainly didn't think I could make a career out of it.

How busy are you at the moment?

I work a three-four day week. Ninety-five per cent is media work, a lot of photo shoots, TV and that sort of thing. I was in a full time job as a security manager. Since the engagement the demand became so high that I had to give up my job.

Do people stop you and think you are Prince William?

Not that much. Well first of all, I've got a lot more hair (laughs). He is losing it really quickly at the moment. I think I look like a younger version of him. ● MARIA THUESEN BLEEG

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▶ Andy Walker and Kate Bevan live the life of lookalikes.

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The remaining eligible royals

One royal may be getting married but there are still many available princes and princesses for you to chase

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Prince William is off the market but that doesn't mean you can't still find your own prince charming. We have picked a few eligible princes and princesses.

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▶ Prince Philip Edmund

Prince Carl Philip Edmund Bertil, Duke of Värmland, 31
Who:
Prince of Sweden. Carl Philip is second in line to the throne.
Dating history:
Prince Carl Philip dated PR executive Emma Pernald for 10 years until 2009. He has been linked with glamour-model and reality star Sofia Hellqvist since the beginning of 2010.
Eligible?
Carl Philip has been a lieutenant in the Swedish Navy, he studied graphic design, is a gifted skier and is passionate about motor sports. Combine all this with the looks of Orlando Bloom.
6 / 6 stars

▶ Princess Charlotte Casiraghi

Charlotte Casiraghi, 24
Who:
The granddaughter of Grace Kelly. Casiragi is the second child of Princess Caroline of Monaco and Stefano Casiraghi and fourth in line to the throne of Monaco.
Dating history:
Since 2007 she has dated the London art gallery owner Alexander Dellal, 27.
Eligible?
The beautiful girl has no princess-title but is still in line to the throne. She is mad about horses and fluent in French, Italian and English. She is also a published writer and magazine editor. You may have to be quick if you are interested because there have been rumours of an engagement between her and boyfriend Alexander Dellal.
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▶ Prince Harry

Henry Charles Albert David of Wales, 26
Who:
Prince Harry of Wales is the younger brother of Prince William and is third in line of the British throne.
Dating history:
The prince has had an on-off relationship for the past five years with Chelsy Davy, the daughter of a millionaire safari operator in Zimbabwe.
Eligible?
Harry got a reputation as the rebellious royal when he was caught smoking cannabis and drinking at the age of 17. The red-haired prince charming has served in the Afghan war and is a good catch — if you can get him away from Chelsy.
5 / 6

▶ Princess Sirivannavari

Princess Sirivannavari, 24
Who:
She is the granddaughter of the world's richest monarch, Thailand's King Bhumobol Adulaydei.
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▶ Prince Rashid

Crown Prince Rashid, 28
Who:
Second-oldest son of the Dubai Ruler and appointed to be the next emir in February 2008.
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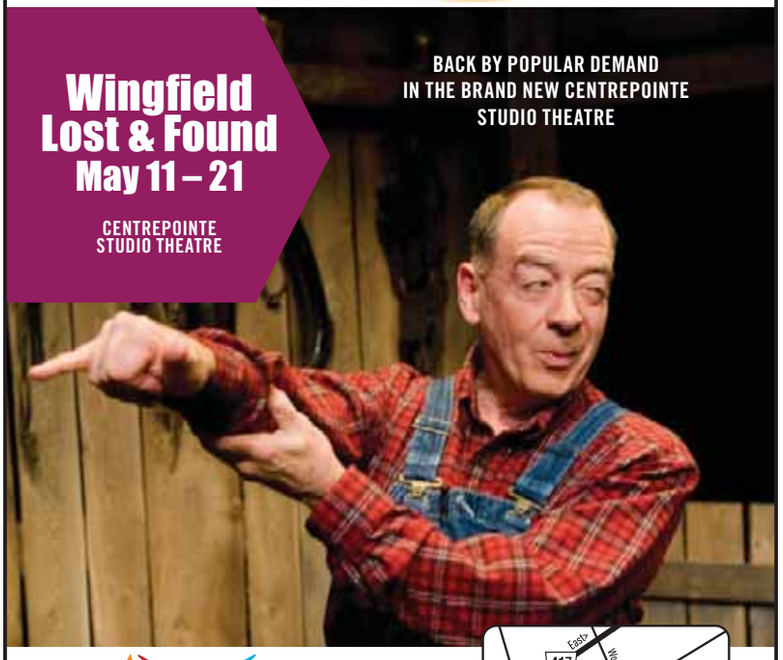

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▶ Nina Dobrev

Fans may get a chill watching the CW's Vampire Diaries, but star Nina Dobrev says the cast and crew were the ones spooked while filming at the Gaither Plantation in Covington, Ga.

Dobrev says several creepy, unexplained events took place during the recent shoot, including a piano playing apparently on its own and lights going on and off by themselves.

The actress, who plays characters Elena and Katherine in the Vampire drama filmed in the Atlanta area, also says everyone had a collective "weird feeling" at the site even though "nobody could pinpoint" why.

Jason Hawes, lead investigator of the Syfy channel's Ghost Hunters, says during a 2009 visit to the plantation his team found compelling evidence of paranormal activity.

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If someone told you a circus featuring 52 world-class acrobats, musicians and singers was coming to town, and that some of the acts had titles like aerial hoops and aerial contortion in silk, you’d be correct if you guessed that it was Cirque du Soleil.

Quidam is the latest awe-inspiring production from the internationally acclaimed Montreal-based troupe.

Here’s how the troupe’s new arena show is described on its website: “Quidam: a nameless passer-by, a solitary figure lingering on a street corner, a person rushing past and swallowed by the crowd. It could be anyone, anybody. Someone coming or going at the heart of our anonymous society. A member of the crowd, one of the silent majority. The one who cries out, sings and dreams within us all. This is the ‘quidam’ whom this show allows to speak.”

And, Quidam speaks with an array of fabulous tricks and stunts of extreme physical courage and finesse. Interestingly, this show is more sombre than its past productions but is mesmerizing nonetheless.

In a review of Quidam, the San Diego Union-Tribune raved that some of the feats “are a reminder that the true magic of a circus lies in its power to dazzle — not so much with high-tech effects and slick sets, but with the drama of the body pushed to awe-inspiring extremes. (And with humour as the ideal leavening.)”

Quidam will be staged at Scotiabank Place June 22 to 30. For show and ticket information, please visit cirquedusoleil.com/quidam.

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"We're recreating, in modern terms, exactly what Shakespeare's first audiences experienced," says Charles, the director of Hamlet2011. "The big box office hits of the 1590s were gore-fests filled with bloody revenge tragedy – more SAW or Friday the 13th than noble or uplifting drama..."

Tickets are now available at the Centrepointe box office or online at www.centrepointetheatre.com. For all shows, reserved seats are $33.75 and general admission seating is $23.75.
Prices include taxes and surcharges.

Take this most-famous of all plays, give it a modern look (Shakespeare's plays were always first performed in the contemporary dress of the day), and play it in the brand-new Centrepointe Studio's gallery theatre "arcade" design – inspired by Shakespeare's own Globe Theatre – and you have an accessible and comfortable community gathering place brought to exciting life for every Ottawa theatregoer. Add rock-opera "mash-ups" and live concert lighting with smoke and haze effects, and you've got theatre that will appeal to the Twilight generation. It'll completely pulverize any musty notion of Shakespeare which you picked up in English class.

On an added note, theatregoers, who see Hamlet2011, will no doubt spot a familiar face on stage. Canadian actress Sara Botsford, who has appeared on hit television shows like The West Wing, Medium, NYPD Blue and NCIS will play Gertrude, to Michael Mancini's Hamlet.

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▶ Interactive exhibits tell the story of fake cash.

Keeping it real in your wallet

An exhibit at the Currency Museum looks at the fight against counterfeiting Learn how to spot a fake

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A new exhibit at the Bank of Canada's Currency Museum takes aim at counterfeiting — a crime that costs our economy millions of dollars each year.

The Good, the Bad and the Fake is comprised of wall-sized cartoon panels that tell the story of two teenagers who find a bag stuffed with what proves to be counterfeit money. The exhibit also includes a series of hands-on displays that teach visitors to identify counterfeit bills.

According to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, many criminal organizations engage in counterfeiting to finance illegal activities. In 2010, police across Canada seized a total of approximately $2.6 million worth of counterfeit currency — a significant drop from the 2004 peak of $13 million. Experts attribute this remarkable drop to several factors, including the introduction of more secure banknotes and stepped-up enforcement and education efforts.

Secure

The Bank of Canada conducts public-awareness campaigns and trains law-enforcement agencies and retailers across the country.

▶ **In 2011,** the Bank will introduce the next generation of bills: made of polymer rather than paper, they will be among the most secure in the world.

The RCMP operates dedicated anti-counterfeiting squads in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. In 2006, the Toronto-based squad made a series of arrests and seized nearly 400,000 bank notes with a combined face value of $6.7 million.

The Bank of Canada introduced the current series of banknotes — complete with sophisticated security measures — in 2004. The bills feature raised ink, watermarks, holographs and metallic striping to hinder counterfeiters. These features represent a small but important part of the Bank of Canada's effort to combat counterfeiting.

"Ultimately, security measures on a bill have little impact if the general public doesn't recognize them," says Louise-Anne Laroche, the Museum's coordinator of public research and evaluation. "Education, outreach and training are also important."

The Currency Museum is well worth a visit, particularly for families, and admission is free. Visitors will catch a glimpse of the incredible variety of materials used as currency through the ages — from salt in the Roman Empire, to playing cards in New France — and gain a new appreciation of money as a cultural artifact.

The Currency Museum is in the Bank of Canada on the Sparks Street Mall between Kent and Bank streets. Open Monday to Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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▶ Graphic novelist J.M. DeMatteis

Writing with more than words

J.M. DeMatteis works with artists to tell stories readers can see

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J.M. DeMatteis is among the world's most accomplished writers of comic books and graphic novels. Along with stories about Spider-man, Superman and Batman for industry giants DC and Marvel comics, he has also written several graphic novels, including Brooklyn Dreams and the Abadazad series.

On Tuesday May 3rd, DeMatteis and Mike Carey, author of Felix Castor novels and one of the architects of Marvel's X-Men line, will present World Within Worlds, a master class on their work as part of the Ottawa International Writers Festival.

DeMatteis spoke to Metro News about graphic novels.

What will people learn from your presentation at the Writers Festival?

I think it will be up to the audience. Mike Carey and I are both experienced writers who love what we do and aren't afraid to describe how we do it. Every writer has his or her own inspirations, methods and processes. For me, it's usually personal: there's a little piece of me — my life, my experiences — in everything I write.

What does it take to write comics and graphic novels?

Ultimately, you have to be able to tell a good story. I think you have to be creative and to be open to new ideas, regardless of where they come from.

What kind of relationship do you have the graphic artists you work with?

It's a necessary collaborative medium and I like to work closely with artists, especially on longer pieces, such as Brooklyn Dreams and Abadazad. I typically share a plot outline, character sketches and maybe some dialogue with the artist. The artist then does some drawings and we review them together. When it works well, this exchange inspires new ideas and new levels of creativity. In the best cases, the story drives itself and we just have to get out of the way.

These monologues are different

The author of the Vagina Monologues, Eve Ensler, is bringing her latest work to the Bronson Centre on Friday April, 29 at 7:30 p.m., but don't expect the laughs her signature production brought.

Any One of Us: Words From Prison, is a series of monologues that focuses on the experiences of women in the criminal justice system.

"It focuses on the experiences of women before, during and after life in incarceration," said Jennifer Hayward of JH% Promotions and Consulting. "It's the same format as the Vagina Monologues except less funny. We can't be laughing at the situations of these women."

The players being used for the event are all local, making it a grassroots event, and 100 per cent of the proceeds go to support the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa.

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National Arts Centre, Fountain Room

6:30 PM: THE MYTH OF HUMAN PROGRESS
One on One with Chris Hedges • Hosted by Stephen Brockwell
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

8:00 PM: HOW TO RUN THE WORLD
One on One with Parag Khanna
Hosted by CBC's Adrian Harewood
Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave at Bank Street

8:30 PM ALONE IN THE CLASSROOM
One on One with Elizabeth Hay • Hosted by Phil Jenkins
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

NOON: THE ART OF THE SHORT STORY
A Masterclass with Clark Blaise. Hosted by John Metcalf
Ottawa Public Library, Main Branch Auditorium, 120 Metcalfe St.

6:30 PM: THE WRITER One on One with Bernhard Schlink.
Hosted by CBC's Sandra Abma
Presented with the Goethe Institut
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

8:00 PM: YOU ARE NOT A GADGET AND NEITHER IS THE UNIVERSE with Jaron Lanier and Lee Smolin
Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave at Bank Street

8:30 PM: PRAIRIE SCENE with David Carpenter, Connie Gault, Alissa York and Dianne Warren Hosted by CBC's Laurie Brown
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

11:00 AM: BOOKS AND BRUNCH AT THE NAC
with **Terry Fallis Marina Nemat, Dan Gardner** and **Philip Slayton**
National Arts Centre, Panorama Room

2:00 PM: A GLASS HALF-FULL
with Joel Yanofsky, Shari Graydon and Neil Pasricha
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

4:00 PM: THE IMMORTALIZATION COMMISSION
Science and the Strange Quest to Cheat Death with John Gray
Hosted by Stephen Brockwell
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

4:00 PM: SPOTLIGHT ON COACH HOUSE BOOKS
Featuring Sean Dixon, Suzette Mayr, Helen Guri and Gabe Foreman
Collected Works Bookstore, 1242 Wellington (A Free Event)

5:00 PM: Michael Winter and Steven Hayward
Presented in association with Plan 99
The Manx Pub, 370 Elgin Street (A Free Event)

6:30 PM: WEBMIND
One on One with Robert Sawyer • Hosted by Bob LeDrew
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

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2:00 PM: MESSAGIO GALORE TAKE VIII
Sound poetry featuring the voices of **jwcurry**, **Christine McNair**, **Alastair Larwill** and **Grant Wilkins**
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

4:00 PM WILL TO LIVE: Dispatches from the Edge of Survival with Les Stroud • Hosted by Rick Taylor
Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave at Bank Street

4:00 PM: POETRY CABARET
featuring Pearl Pirie, Gillian Sze and Lorna Crozier
Hosted by Sandra Ridley
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

5:00 PM: Mike Carey and Andrew Pyper
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6:30 PM: BEFORE THE BEGINNING AND AFTER THE END
with Madeleine Thien, Hisham Matar and Johanna Skibsrud
Hosted by Michael Blouin
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

8:00 PM: LIVING FAITH
with Robert Sibley and Tom Harpur • Hosted by Neil Wilson
Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave at Bank Street

8:30 PM: AND ALL IS ALWAYS NOW
with Michael V. Smith, Teju Cole and Timothy Taylor
Hosted by Carleton University's Sara Jamieson
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

MONDAY, MAY 2

NOON: THE VOICE OF POETRY
A Masterclass with Robert Pinsky • Hosted by Stephen Brockwell
Ottawa Public Library, Main Branch Auditorium

6:30 PM : JOYNER'S DREAM
One on One with Sylvia Tyson • Hosted by Arthur McGregor
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

7:00 PM BLUE METROPOLIS: A CELEBRATION OF INDIAN WRITING
with Meena Kandasamy, K. Satchidanandan, Ajeet Cour and Aziz Hajini Presented with Carleton University
303 Paterson Hall, Carleton University (A Free Event)

8:00 PM GHAZAL CONCERT
Lorna Crozier, Rob Winger, Sandra Ridley and Robert Pinsky
Featuring music by the M E L M'RABET Quartet
Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave at Bank Street

TUESDAY, MAY 3

NOON: WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS
A Masterclass on Novels and Graphic Novels
with J.M. DeMatteis and Mike Carey • Hosted by Sean Wilson
Ottawa Public Library, Main Branch Auditorium,

6:30 PM: TRUTH AND JUSTICE:
Documentary Fiction about Canada's First Nations
with James Bartleman and David Adams Richards
Mayfair Theatre, 1074 Bank Street

8:30 PM: RUNNING IN THE FAMILY
with Sarita Mandanna, Antanas Sileika and Suzanne Desrochers
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Weaving a tapestry of Canadiana

The Sultans of String mix and match genres with ease

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Listening to an album by Sultans of String is like playing a game of Identify The Genre. The group's music bursts with Celtic, Cuban, Middle Eastern and Spanish flavours. All these sounds, and more, are woven together seamlessly thanks to top-notch musicianship, and every song is a musical discovery.

"We enjoy combining styles and seeing what comes out, so in one song we call Emerald Swing, we took an Irish Fiddle tune we were working on and put it in the musical blender with a Gypsy-jazz rhythm," says Chris McKhool, the group's founder and an Ottawa native. Since forming a few years back, the five-member group's profile has grown exponentially.

Their last album, Yalla Yalla!, was nominated for a 2010 Juno Award.

"What ties it all together is our love of Canadiana," McKhool says. "Telling Canadian stories though world music."

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Unique group comes to NAC

Prior to their appearance at the 27th Festival Internationale de Musique Actuelle in Victoriaville, Que., Tokyo Taiga will make their North American debut at the National Art Centre's Fourth Stage on May 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the AB Series.

The three members, vocalist Koichi Makigami, percussionist Massa Sato and Russian Altaic throat singer and multi instrumentalist Bolot Bairyshev, will be attending the series after years of effort to get them to Ottawa by Max Middle, the artistic director of the AB Series. "It will be a one-of-kind event for sure," Middle said. "It will have some pretty wild vocals and Makigami alone is a phenomenal performer. Add the percussion and the throat singing and it will make it even more interesting."

The "A" in Tokyo Taiga refers to the first and last letters of the Russian alphabet, A being the first and the backwards R being the last. Makigami explained that the name of the trio also implies "everything between the two — everything between the beginning and the end".

Tickets are $30, $25 for seniors and $20 for students.

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ANDREW ALEXANDER

▶ Sarah Botsford as Gertrude and Michael Mancini as Hamlet in a scene from Hamlet 2011.

The first thing you'll likely notice about the Ottawa Shakespeare Company's Hamlet 2011, which opens this week, is that the doublets, breeches and ruffs have all been mothballed.

"(In 1601) it was contemporary, and we want Shakespeare to be viewed through that contemporary lens," said Michael Mancini, who plays the title role.

The modern wardrobe, music (mash-ups of bands like Arcade Fire and Florence + The Machine), and flashy concert-style lighting all come together in the brand new Centrepointe Studio Theatre, and help transport the 400-year-old play into the 21st century.

"I don't mean to suggest by any means that doing Shakespeare in a modern setting is the best and only way to do it at all," Mancini said. "But that's what we're comfortable doing and that's what we think younger people will identify with."

None of these contemporary touches, Mancini said, eliminate the old-fashioned work ethic required to pull off one of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedies. Mancini has memorized some 2,000 lines which run him through an exhausting range of emotions and tones before culminating in the final act's climactic swordplay.

"In 1601 ... they weren't going to see a historical museum piece."
MICHAEL MANCINI, ACTOR

"I've played Henry V before and many other roles in Shakespeare and this is by far the hardest," he said. "It's physically demanding, absolutely. I'm drenched by the end of act one."

Shakespeare also has a reputation for being inaccessible to young audiences, but Mancini believes the Bard's language works its magic if the actors perform it correctly.

"Student audiences are my favourite because they never lie to you," he said. "If you suck and they hate it, you just know it and they feel it, but when you have them, you feel that, too."

Hamlet 2011 runs April 27 to May 7.

HAMLET 2011

Shockingly modern Shakespeare

Despite their sometimes stodgy reputation today, Shakespeare's plays were Elizabethan England's summer blockbusters.

Hamlet, which begins with a ghost and ends with bodies littering the stage, contains the origins of modern horror movies, says Michael Mancini, who plays the title role. He says there's also a subversive element.

"What's shockingly modern about this play is that Hamlet's last words are: 'The rest is silence.' That means after you die, there's nothing there… Shakespeare sort of wrote under the radar in a really dangerous time. To be Christian was really the only acceptable thing and to not believe in an afterlife, or suggest that there isn't one, is huge."

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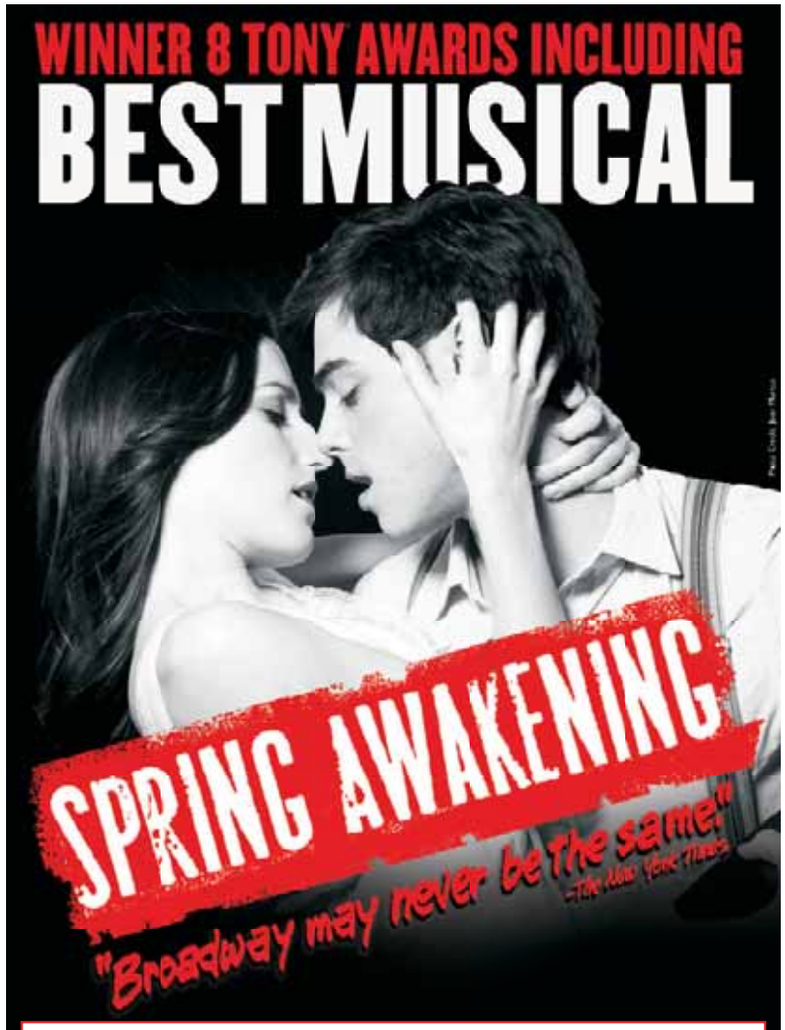

It's not often that Ottawa audiences have the opportunity to experience the rare Broadway gem that offers compelling drama, relevant issues, fabulous dancing and award-winning music: *Spring Awakening* is all this and more.

Spring Awakening is based on a play of the same name written in 1891 by Frank Wedekind. It's a coming-of-age story that takes place in a provincial German town in the late nineteenth-century, and shows the consequences of living in a repressive society. The play elicited fierce opposition, and was initially banned due to its "unsavoury" content. Wedekind was not a sensationalist; he was striving to break down the inflexible social barriers of the day.

Like him, Steven Sater, who wrote the modern equivalent with lyrics, has said that his impulse in writing the show was "a desire to move hearts and try and change the world a little." It is absolutely true that *Spring Awakening* deals with very important, controversial themes. But there is also a lot humour and humanness that today's teenagers will easily identify – and identify with – the characters onstage.

The power of *Spring Awakening* lies not only in its entertainment value but also in its raw celebration of youth and rebellion. The New York Times raves, "Broadway may never be the same." In fact, there is a content advisory on the mature themes, sexual situations and strong language in this show. Nevertheless, the very nature of this show demands transparency and utter honesty – the two ingredients that have given *Spring Awakening* its unique stature in musical theatre.

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Theatre, dance and interactive fun are all on the bill for kids, parents and teachers as the Ottawa International Children's Festival returns for its 26th year. From June 1 to 5, LeBreton Flats will be transformed into an extravaganza of performing arts especially for kids.

"It's very rare that theatre artists of this calibre with programming specifically for young children are in our city, so it's not something to be missed," said festival spokesperson Charlotte Juane.

This year's program features an all-new roster of Canadian and international performers, including Sursault (Sherbrooke, Quebec), Trickster (Switzerland), Imago Theatre (USA), Stillmotion/Starcatchers (Scotland), and four groups from Italy, La Società della Civetta, Teatronecessario, Teatro delle Briciole and Compagnia Rodisio.

"They're all very different from one another and for different ages of people," Juane said, "So I'm just really excited to see each one of them myself because I've not seen any of these performances live myself."

In Between Shows

There's also plenty to see and do between shows, including face-painting by Quebec City's Kromatik, a family games pavilion and Mobile Circus School workshops. Wandering throughout the festival will be buskers from Circus Montreal, Gatineau's Mini Cirque and Ottawa's Shakespearean clowns, A Company of Fools.

New this year is the Children's Climate Change Forest, a special project by area schoolchildren working with Dr. John Stone, a Carleton University climate scientist, and visual and dramatic artists.

Interactive Performances

The forest of created trees and interactive performances within it are designed to explore the ways in which our environment is changing and practical ways kids can help protect it.

"Our tickets have been selling since January, and we have quite a few sold out shows and still lots to sell," Juan said.

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Lopez to search for Latin talent in TV show

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▶ Jennifer Lopez and her husband Marc Anthony are doing a new TV show Q'Viva! The Chosen, where they travel to 21 countries looking for performers in Latin music and dance.

Jennifer Lopez is teaming up with American Idol creator Simon Fuller for a new TV show — and she's bringing husband Marc Anthony into the fold.

The trio announced yesterday that they are creating Q'Viva! The Chosen. The show would feature the superstar couple as they travel 21 countries to find the best performers in Latin music, dance and other arts with the goal of creating a live extravaganza.

The show's director will be Jamie King. It will be filmed in three languages.

Lopez said the show will be groundbreaking.

"This is a show for the 21st century with an unprecedented global and local story. The Latin culture is a tapestry that is rich in passion, tradition and artistry," she said. "We are going to places where all of this talent lives and wouldn't have otherwise been discovered."

Anthony said the show will "provide an outlet to a whole new generation that have been waiting to have their voices heard."

Q'Viva! is sponsored by BlackBerry. A statement said more than one network will be involved, but they have yet to be announced. It's unclear when the show will air.

Lopez became a judge on American Idol this year, and has a new album, Love? out next week.

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Hudson engagement discovered on TV show

Today Show host Matt Lauer picks up on the new ring around Kate's finger

Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy are engaged, the actress revealed during an interview with Matt Lauer for the Today show after Lauer pointed out an engagement ring on her finger.

"It just happened a week ago, I'm so glad you noticed," she said.

"I haven't really announced it and I felt like the announcing thing feels so silly, and I was just waiting for someone to notice."

No date has been set, as the couple is focused on welcoming their first child together this summer.

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KATE HUDSON

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▶ Kate Hudson

Lohan remorseful for mistakes

With a 120-day jail sentence looming, Lindsay Lohan is owning up to her past mistakes and hoping to turn her life around.

"I've made a lot of poor decisions in the past and I'm dealing with the consequences of those decisions," she said during an interview with Jay Leno. "I know that I have to work to gain the respect back and I'm willing to do the work that I have to do to follow through with being an actress because that's what I love."

But more than anything, she wishes the public would focus on her work more than her troubles.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Talking points

Harry afraid of playing Harry

NO MORE PLEASE. There is one thing that seriously scares Daniel Radcliffe: playing Harry Potter again.

The actor panicked last October when series author J.K. Rowling told Oprah Winfrey she could write more books about the boy wizard.

"I was worried! I texted her. I said, 'Look, is this true? Are you writing another book?'" he tells Celebuzz. "She wrote back that she was so pleased with my performance in Harry Potter 7: Part 1 that as a reward, she promised to never write another book about Harry."

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Aniston on her way to NYC

CHANGING LIFESTYLES Jennifer Aniston is reportedly ditching L.A. for New York.

The actress has put her west coast home on the market and is close to closing on a $5.6 million Manhattan penthouse, according to Hollyscoop.

While the 1,200-square-foot one-bedroom apartment isn't huge, it does come with 800 square feet of terrace space facing both north and south. Aniston, who lived in New York when she was younger, has said she's eager to get back to the Big Apple.

"There is nothing like being in the city that is just the city of Everyman," she has said. "It's all walks of life — I love that!"

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Celebrity tweets

On my way to Studio to make out with various boy band members....
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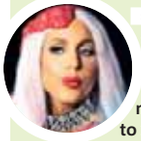

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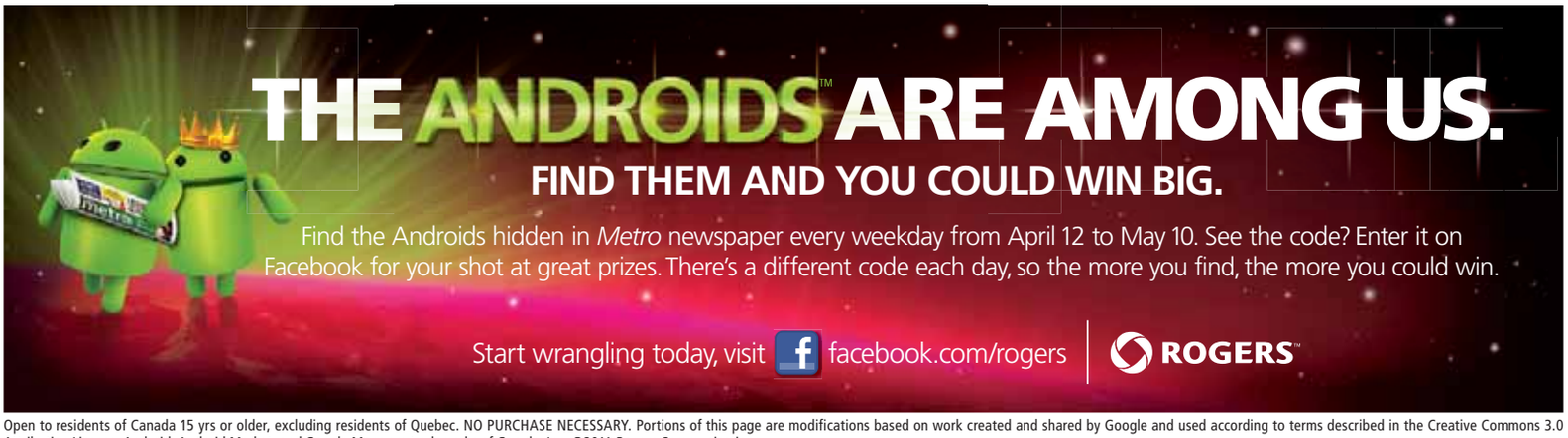
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Barbie Girl

Meet the new Catherine Middleton doll! Unlike many of the other gifts cashing in on monarchy mania, this children's toy has some winning features like the glossy mane of hair, Issa style dress, the fascinator... It's very Kate-like and she's fashionably thin!

RICHARD PECKETT

Royal bride Kate Middleton can look at previous UK royal gowns for inspiration.

Since her engagement to Prince William, the pressure has grown on Kate Middleton to become a style superstar But is she really ready to be a trendsetter?

Is Kate Middleton a fashion icon?

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

Look back at the evolution of Kate's style over the past nine years or so, it's clear that her appearance hasn't changed much. She's developed a personal style that works for her: tall boots with classic straight-leg jeans, tall boots with feminine dresses that respectably trace the curves or tall boots with pretty skirt suits. Her newer clothes may look more expensive and regal, but her trademarks endure. No extreme makeovers here.

It remains to be seen whether Kate will take up the challenge to become Britain's sartorial ambassador. It's technically not part of a First Lady's job description to promote the fashion industry. But if she does, she'll need someone in her corner to help her navigate the minefield of worst-dressed lists and discriminating editors. Then again, with rumors persisting that Middleton will wear Alexander McQueen on her wedding day, maybe she's already found that person.

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Bold beginnings
Kate Middleton models on the catwalk at a student fashion show attended by Prince William, on March, 26, 2002 in St. Andrews, Scotland.

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Pretty in peacock
Kate smiles as she visits Greenmount Agricultural College on March 8, 2011 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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Burberry Brit
Kate attends Harry Meade & Rosie Bradford's wedding at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul on October 23, 2010 in Northleach near Cheltenham, England.

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She loves her lavender
Kate attends the wedding of Nicholas van Cutsem and Alice at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on August 14, 2009 in London, England

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The dress that dazzled the world

Metro catches up with Elizabeth Emanuel, designer of the late Princess Diana's wedding dress

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As the Royal wedding date approaches, speculation is mounting about which designer is secretly putting the finishing touches to Kate Middleton's dress. It was exactly the same when designers David and Elizabeth Emanuel were creating Lady Diana Spencer's famous wedding dress.

The design of her dress was to be so top secret that they created a second 'stunt' dress for her to wear in case the design was leaked. Metro met with Elizabeth Emanuel to learn more about what it was like trying to keep 1981's biggest secret.

What lengths did the press go to in order to try to get their scoop?

The press staked out the studio, they rummaged through the rubbish bins and continually called using lines like, 'Their jobs were on the line and if they didn't get the information, they'd have to pull their kids out of school and they'd be forced to move!'

How did you keep the dress safe?

There was no Royal protocol, no contracts, no secrecy rules but we made a completely different spare dress, and we had a safe delivered to keep the dress in, which was interesting. We hoped no one would notice but there were

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▶ Diana's bridal gown

about 400 people watching and we couldn't get it through the door, so we it had to hoik it up through the first floor window. It was a complete fiasco.

How was it when Princess Diana visited the studio?

Mostly she came alone but sometimes she came with her sister, bridesmaids or mum and we all sat on the

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▶ Designer Elizabeth Manuel

floor and looked at sketches — it was all quite informal. We did a lot of research on royal wedding dresses and she went through our rail and there was one style that looked really nice on her that looked frighteningly close to what we actually did.

How did you decide on a 25 foot train (7.62 metres)?

Well, we did some research and it said somewhere the longest Royal train to date was 23 feet (7.01 metres), so we decided to go the extra two feet.

What accessories did you produce?

We made an overskirt in case Diana spilt anything as well as a parasol and the shoes. We carried smelling salts. We also did small things like put a heart on the hanger and a little blue bow inside the dress — you know the saying, 'something borrowed, something blue...'

How much did you charge for the gown?

We charged a thousand guineas ($1,600 CDN) for the dress and the bridesmaids' dresses. But in reality it was a lot of work and it didn't really cover it. I would have done it for nothing but my Dad said, 'It's not right you saying have it for nothing'.

How did designing the dress change your life?

We were propelled into a different sphere. We made a perfume, bed linens and a copy of the dress for Madame Tussauds, on Diana's request. The dress set new bridal trends because it broke away from traditional styles.

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I am old enough to remember my aunt's dining room with red flocked-velvet wallpaper — how I loved to go to her house and touch the velvety walls.

I am also old enough to remember going to her house as a young man and helping to remove that wallpaper. I remember thinking to myself that after all the spraying and scraping in the summer heat, I would never put up wallpaper ever again in my lifetime.

They say what goes around comes around and I guess that holds true even with awful things like flocked wall coverings.

Wallpaper is coming back in vogue again and there have been some substantial improvements; papers are more durable, washable and much easier to remove to change our walls with the latest fashion of the day.

Just like when I was a boy, velvet wallpapers, beautiful, rich colours and metallic sheens are emerging as trends again. Somehow, they're looking a bit fresher and more fashionable than I remember.

Special paint primers help create better adhesion from paper to wall and allow the paper to be removed more easily, without damage to the wall surface below. Choose a primer that matches your preference of using oil or latex paints on your walls.

When measuring for wallpaper, remember that you should always buy 20 per cent more than what you measure for. This will allow for matching up patterns and making sure you have a tiny bit extra.

Removing wallpaper from a properly primed wall is quite easy. When working with a paper wall covering you can spray on a special solution to soften the paper and loosen the glue; the paper should peel off easily.

If working with a vinyl covering or a wall that has not been properly primed, a small tool that perforates the paper will help get the solution in behind and loosen the glue. Within just a few minutes, the paper should be ready to peel off the walls.

There's an old designer secret to making smaller spaces appear visually larger: Add larger prints to fabrics, drapes, art and rugs (items that don't take up any physical space in a room). The larger print gives great impact.

The big trend in wallpaper right now is large prints for impact, but beware — most of the prints are overscaled traditional designs that help mock the tinier patterns of years gone by.

Look for colours from fashion — teal, pink, chocolate brown and grey are just a few you'll see on walls this season.

Where to use wallpaper:

Front foyer: Go bold and dark. Wall coverings with shine, texture and strong colours add impact to a small entrance space. Hang a large mirror and add a show-stopper hanging light and you'll have all the drama you need.

Behind a headboard: Go light or dark depending on the overall decor of the room. A focal wall of paper will make the bed look more important and add pattern or colour that you might have been afraid to choose in the headboard, bedding or draperies. If your overall look is light and airy, then choose a paper that blends and vice versa.

Small dens or guest rooms: Be dramatic and cover all four walls to create an infinite look to the room. Paint the ceiling the same background colour as the wallpaper to make the room feel larger. If matching fabric is available, upholster the furniture to create a seamless designer look with wallpaper, paint and fabric.

Side projects

- **Wallpaper** the front of dresser drawers with leftover wallpaper to create a custom look in a room.
- **Wallpaper** a boring slab door with a large-scale, punchy-coloured paper to help add vertical art to a neutral room.
- **Add wallpaper** to the inside of a china cabinet or closet. Use bright colours, such as orange or fuchsia, to add a pop of surprise and wake up your tired china and crystal.

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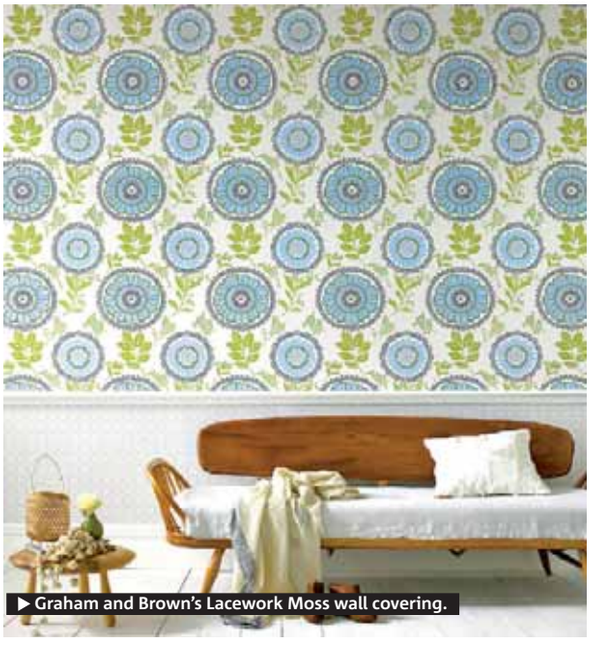

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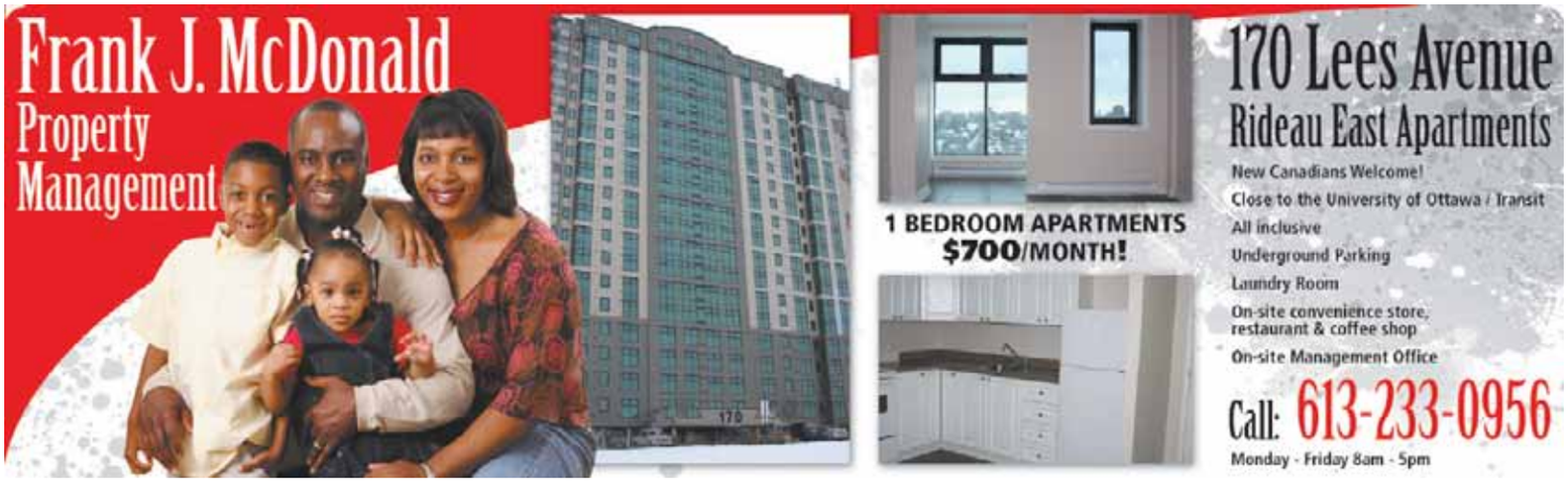

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Forget about carnations

This Mother's Day, impress her with gifts from the garden – from hanging vases to botanical dishware

For a lot of moms, the urge to nurture extends to plants and flowers. So for Mother's Day, instead of getting her a traditional floral arrangement that lasts just a few days, consider other options for or from the garden.

If mom spends some of her happiest hours in her backyard garden, you might sign her up for Plantjotter.com's online organizer. With no special downloads or software required, the site allows gardeners to create a personalized web page with info about what they've planted, to-do schedules, photos and wish lists. Monthly tips and ideas are offered specific to your grow zone.

Or add accents to mom's garden. At Uncommongoods.com, find Tyson Weissin's charming Koi fish ceramic garden ornaments. Fired in several colours including cobalt blue, a school of these placed along a pathway or nestled among some grasses would be quite arresting.

This spring, West Elm introduced Shane Powers' no-maintenance, indoor garden collection, perfect for a modern mom with little time or inclination to tend plants but who enjoys a few touches of nature in her living space.

If mom loves cut flowers, consider PlantationDesign.com's set of Amaretto vases, formed out of deliciously liqueur-like glass swirls. Crate & Barrel has the Evelyn vase, made of softly folded glass, as well as Millie, Kiki and Marisol, all hand-etched with charming designs. Also find a quartet of green, enamelled, bird-motif wall tiles, nice on a patio fence.

Sur la Table has a fresh-looking Botanical dishware collection out this spring that features a happy, modern floral pattern on snowy-white, dishwasher-safe ceramic.

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Sourcebook

- **uncommongoods.com** Koi fish garden markers, $95
- **surlatable.com** Botanical collection, $6.89-$13.89
- **crateandbarrel.com** Evelyn case, $18.95; Millie, $44.95; Kiki, $12.95
- **westelm.com** Shane Powers' indoor garden collection, $9-$24

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▶ Hanging glass bubble vases from the Shane Powers collection at West Elm.

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▶ Sur la Table's fresh-looking Botanical dishware collection.

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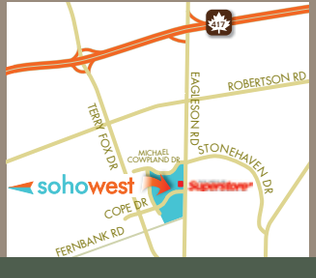

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3. Attach the mount to the back of your TV using the holes provided by the TV manufacturer.

4. Pre-drill holes into the wall studs using the mount's wall plate as a guide. Secure the wall plate to the studs.

Note: If your walls are concrete or brick, insert a concrete anchor into each drill hole until it's flush with the wall.

If your wall has metal studs, ask the mount maker if they offer adapter kits — most do.

5. Attach the mount (with the TV attached) to the wall plate.

Your installation may have slightly different requirements.

Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions for proper mount installation.

For help selecting a compatible wall mount for your TV, ask your local electronics retailer for their suggestion.

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Taking school pride to the garden

Loyal alums show school spirit with flowers in alma maters' colours Grass can also be transformed

Deborah Barber, a devoted sports fan and avid gardener, shows her team spirit by planting flowers in school colours.

The Madison, Wis., resident holds degrees from Northwestern University (purple with white) and Wisconsin (cardinal and white). Her husband, Rich Brown, on the other hand, is an Illinois grad (orange and blue). So she plants in her schools' colours, with a nod to his.

"How I love the purple and white combo in perennial irises, annual petunias and other flowers," Barber said about her Northwestern connection. She uses red and white annuals to represent Wisconsin, while blue scilla and daffodils with orange centres serve as the Illinois link. The last, she says, shows "a gentle expression of rivalry."

"As a 50-something gardener, the specific colours recapture my memories of schools, school friends and hometowns from my younger years," said Barber.

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Along with enthusiastic alumni, colleges and universities also sometimes plant in school colours.

Bulbs are always a good choice for colour-themed gardens, said Scott Kunst, owner and head gardener at Old House Gardens Heirloom Bulbs, a mail order and Internet business operating within shouting distance of Michigan Stadium at Ann Arbor.

"You can predict when bulbs are going to bloom," Kunst said.

"If you have a purple and white crocus, for example, you know they'll be blooming at the same time every year. Antique bulbs offer a wider range of colours."

Annuals, also, are easy to grow, he said.

"The good thing about annuals is that you can mix them up — colours and varieties."

And what better than containers for strutting your stuff if your team advances to a post-season bowl game or playoffs? Barber had red geraniums in white pots when Wisconsin was invited to play at the Rose Bowl last season.

Sports-crazy gardeners aren't limited to flowers when showing school spirit: Grass can also send the message.

"Fertilizers will create block letters in lawns, although it's tough to make symbols," said Mike Goatley, a turf grass specialist at Virginia Tech. "Mowing patterns can be creatively done, but are more effective when the turf or the viewer is elevated."

Goatley became involved in a turf war of sorts at his Blacksburg, Va., home several years ago when he used a warm-season zoysiagrass that goes dormant in winter over a green, cool-season fescue lawn to make an emphatic Virginia Tech logo. He eventually sold the property, complete with school symbol, to a Clemson grad.

"He wanted a tiger paw instead," Goatley said with a laugh, referring to the Clemson mascot.

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▶ Turf grass specialist Mike Goatley shows the Virginia Tech logo on his lawn at his home in Blacksburg, Va.

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Upcoming Events

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All over the city there are exciting functions to help you expand your palette or knowledge of food, wine, and culture. Here are a few events that you might not have heard of:

1

The Herb Garden welcomes spring with their newly updated website, opening day yard sale on Saturday, April 30 and Mother's Day brunch buffet on Sunday, May 8. **herbgarden.on.ca**

2

WaterCan's 17th annual gala fundraising event takes place Friday, May 6 at Lansdowne Park. Guests from 40 countries will attend in support of clean water and sanitation projects in eastern Africa. **watercan.com**

3

The Ottawa Farmer's Market opens for the season this Sunday, May 1 at Lansdowne Park. It will be open every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the end of October. **ottawafarmersmarket.ca**

JOHN OAKES

▶ WaterCan gala held last year at the Aberdeen Pavilion, supporting clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education for the world's poorest people.

Seasonal Sips

◗ Discover the perfect wine to celebrate the Prairie Scene festival and the best bubbly for Mother's Day

◗ LCBO offers new vintages bi-monthly

Prairie Scene, until May 8. The citywide celebration of all things prairie continues until May 8. If you can't make it to the NAC for Saskatchewan chef Dan Walker's Saskatoon-raised Wagyu Ribeye on May 4, salute the meat-eating ways of prairie folk with a fine piece of beef at home, washed down with a rich and robust red, like **Finca Flichman Gestos Cabernet Sauvignon** ($14.95 +199711) from Argentina. Available at LCBO Vintages Saturday, April 30.

Mother's Day, May 8. Toast Mom with some French bubbly. **Chateau Moncontour Tete de Cuvee Brut Vouvray** ($15.95 +207936) is made in the same method as Champagne, but comes from a different part of France, so is not entitled to use that name. This is a great-value Champagne stand-in when you've got the whole family to serve. Drink it on its own, or blended for brunch. Give the orange juice a rest this year and try a Bellini—sparkling wine and peach puree in a Champagne flute. Available at LCBO Vintages April Saturday, 30.

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▶ Chicken can be complicated to barbecue, but is well worth the effort when it's done right.

BBQ 101: Chicken

Chicken might be one of the most complicated items to cook on the bbq. It can burn quickly and breasts can dry out easily, but when it's done right, there are few things better fresh off the grill than chicken. Here, we offer up some tips.

1 **Chicken.** Purchase whole broiler-frier birds. By quartering it yourself, you'll save money and have some variety of cuts for your guests. If you prefer convenience or boneless/skinless breasts, your local supermarket is always handy.

2 **Brining.** Dissolve a generous handful of rock salt in about 3 ½ litres of water. Place the chicken in the water in the fridge for a few hours. Brining improves the flavours of chicken, making it juicy and tender.

3 **Marinating.** This is the perfect option when you're grilling chicken breasts – especially boneless/skinless. Marinating in the fridge for at least a few hours (preferably overnight) gives the somewhat bland cut tons of flavour, and helps keep it juicy while on the grill. Adding a complementary bbq sauce just before it's cooked puts a nice finish on the chicken, and adds an additional depth of flavour.

4 **Spice rubs vs. BBQ sauce.** Both are essential. Grill the chicken with dry spices that will complement the flavours of the bbq sauce you will add later. Putting the sauce on during the last five minutes of cooking allows for that finger-licking sticky goodness, but reduces the chances of it burning.

5 **Grilling.** Set one side of the grill at High, the other at Med/High. Sear the chicken on High for 1 to 2 minutes then move it to the other side of the grill. If you're cooking chicken breast close the lid to help speed up the internal cooking process. Chicken is done when its internal temperature is 160F, (165F for thighs).

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Doing Chicken Right

Recipes for creating the most succulent piece of chicken you've ever had

Rub

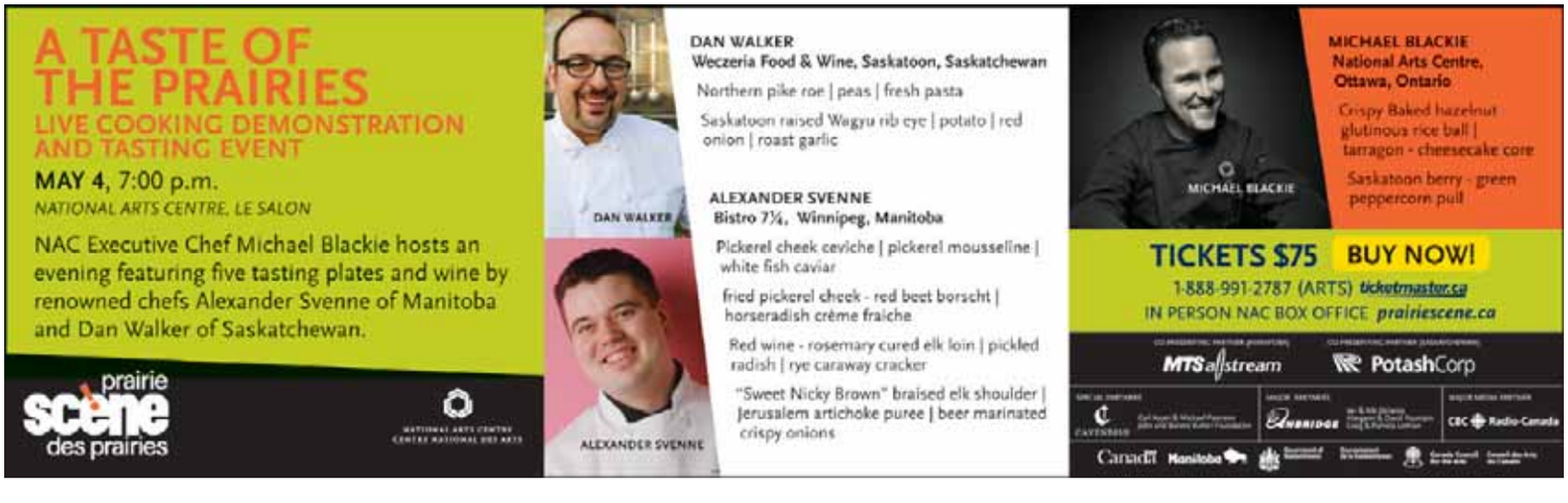
1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
2 tbsp chili powder
2 tbsp paprika
1 tbsp ground cumin
1 tsp cayenne pepper
1 tbsp garlic powder
1 tbsp mustard powder
2 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper

Sauce

3 cup ketchup
1 cup cider vinegar
1/2 cup molasses
2 tbsp Worcestershire
1 cup water
1 tbsp paprika
1 tbsp onion powder
1 tbsp mustard powder
1 tsp garlic powder
1/2 tsp ground pepper
1/4 to 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

Marinade

1/2 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tbsp chopped garlic
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp herb de provence
1 garlic clove, minced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Sure Signs Of Spring?

- **Muskoka Summer Weiss perfect on the back deck or picnic table**
- **Silky, smooth, refreshing and extremely drinkable**

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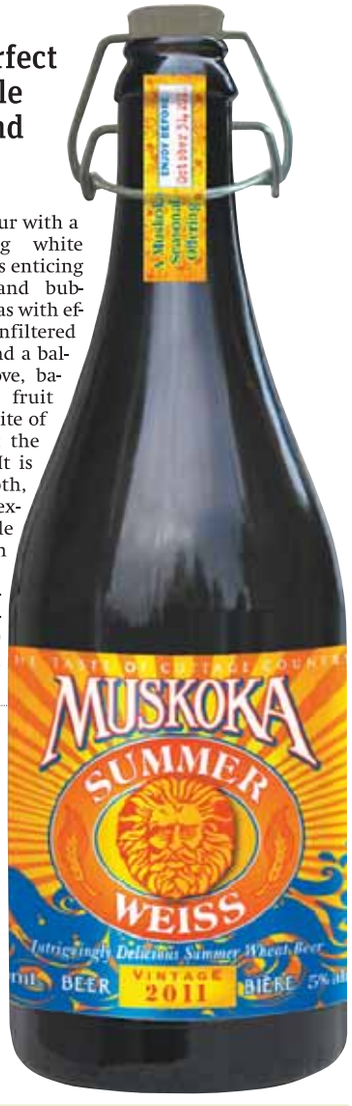
Everyone looks for different signs to know spring is finally here. For some, it's the first sighting of the friendly red-breasted robin, green grass, buds on the trees, the start of baseball season or even the silence of Leaf Nation. But for me it's seeing the beers of summer hitting the shelves at the LCBO and Beer Stores. Bracebridge Ontario's Muskoka Cottage Brewery is first out of the gates with their Summer Weiss (pronounced Vice) Beer. Just the word Muskoka conjures up visions of hot sun, cool lakes, good friends, BBQs at the cottage and the most comfortable outdoor chairs ever made. Sold in an attractive 750 ml glass bottle with ceramic swing top, Muskoka Summer Weiss is perfect on the back deck or at the picnic table with dinner as their website recommends, pairing with things like pancakes, bacon and eggs, French toast, goats cheese and lobster. I also found it a very satisfying on its own. When poured into a glass the liquid is a hazy golden straw colour with a huge blossoming white head. The nose has enticing citrus, banana and bubblegum-like aromas with effervescent unfiltered wheat richness and a balance of spicy clove, banana and citrus fruit notes and a soft bite of specialty yeast at the end of each sip. It is silky smooth, refreshing and extremely drinkable ... like sunshine in a glass!

Muskoka Summer Weiss is available at the LCBO $5.95 for a 750ml bottle.



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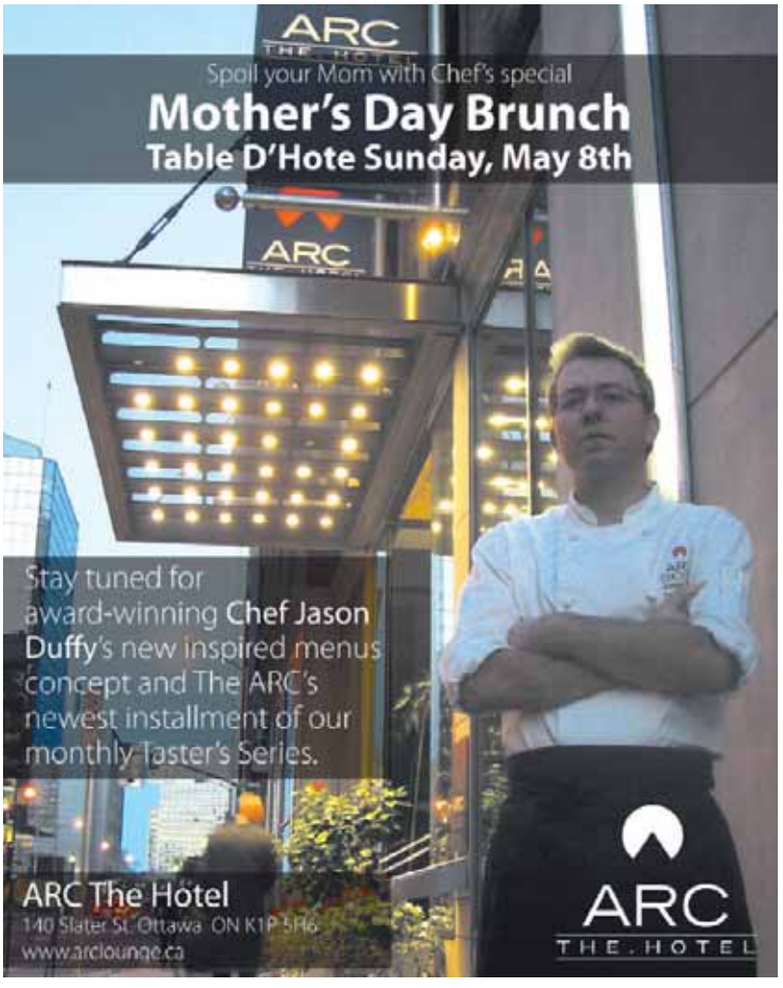
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▶ Serve this vegetarian soup with crusty bread.

This Moroccan Vegetable Soup is the perfect vegetarian dish to serve on a cool spring night.

Traditionally finished with a spoonful of harissa, a spicy North African chili sauce, the soup can also be heated up with a few dashes of hot sauce if you like.

Preparation:

1. In large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, parsnips and sweet potato; sauté about 5 minutes or until slightly softened. Stir in garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt, pepper and cayenne.
2. Add tomatoes and broth; cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 20 minutes or until parsnips and sweet potato are tender.
3. In blender or with immersion blender, puree soup as smooth as you like. Return to pan. Add chickpeas and heat through, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in spinach until wilted. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOODLAND ONTARIO

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 parsnips, chopped
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) coriander
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each ground cumin, paprika and salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each pepper and cayenne
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 4 cups (1 L) vegetable broth
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) baby spinach, stems removed

THE CANADIAN PRESS HO

Greek Quinoa Salad

Quinoa, which is dubbed "the mother grain" for its nutritional qualities, is featured in this fresh Greek salad.

Preparation:

1. Place quinoa in mesh sieve and rinse well under running water; drain and set aside.
2. In pot, bring broth to a boil and add quinoa. Stir, reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 20 minutes or until broth is absorbed. Fluff with fork into bowl. Add tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and parsley.
3. In bowl, whisk oil, vinegar and garlic. Drizzle over quinoa and vegetables. Season with salt and sprinkle with feta cheese. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CASBAH QUINOA

Ingredients:

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) quinoa
- 750 ml (3 cups) vegetable broth
- 1 container grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) English cucumber, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
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Gold-medal memories aid Luongo

Roberto Luongo silenced his critics Tuesday night.

After causing Vancouver fans anxiety most of the past week, Luongo was almost flawless as the Canucks edged the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 in overtime in the seventh game of their first-round series.

He also erased doubts after allowing 13 goals in his previous three games.

"You find ways. We always say that, tough times, that's when you see true character of somebody," said Luongo.

He said the game evoked the gold-medal match of the 2010 Winter Olympics, also played at Rogers Arena, when Canada beat the U.S. in overtime.

When the pressure was on heading into overtime, after Jonathan Toews' late goal tied the game 1-1, he recalled the gold-medal triumph.

"I just remembered what it was like in the room," Luongo said. "Both times, it was quiet. Not a lot of guys said something, but the few words that were said were meaningful."

The Canucks' second-round series with the Nashville Predators starts tonight in Vancouver (CBC, 9 p.m.). THE CANADIAN PRESS

GM Gillis fined

The NHL confirmed to The Canadian Press by email yesterday that Vancouver Canucks GM Mike Gillis has been fined for complaining about the officiating in his team's first-round playoff series against the Chicago Blackhawks.

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▶ Bruins winger Nathan Horton, centre, smiles as he is mobbed by teammates after scoring the game-winning goal against the Canadiens last night.

B's take series

Horton's 2nd OT winner of 1st round clinches for Bruins in Game 7

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Nathan Horton scored 5:43 into overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens last night in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

The Bruins will play the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference semi-finals for the second consecutive year.

Tim Thomas stopped 34 shots for the Bruins, who recovered after losing the first two games of the series at home. Boston had never won a playoff series after trailing 0-2 in 26 tries.

Carey Price stopped 30 shots for Montreal, which erased deficits of 2-0 and 3-2 in Game 7.

Horton scored with a slapshot off a pass from Milan Lucic, setting off a celebration on the Bruins bench and in the stands. It was Boston's third overtime win in the series, including Game 5 on Saturday night when Horton scored 9:03 into the second extra period.

Johnny Boychuk and Mark Recchi scored in the first 5:33 of Game 7 to give the Bruins a 2-0 lead. But Yannick Weber made it a one-goal game with a power-play goal in the first. Tomas Plekanec tied it in the second with an unassisted, short-handed goal.

After Chris Kelly scored with just under 10 minutes left to give Boston a 3-2 lead, P.K. Subban tied it in the final two minutes — again on the power play.

The Bruins were 0 for 21 on the power play in the series.

But it doesn't matter.

They will open the next round in Philadelphia with a chance to avenge last year's epic collapse against the Flyers. Boston led that series 3-0 before Philadelphia came back to force a decisive game. In Game 7 in Boston, the Bruins took a 3-0 lead before losing 4-3.

That was the second straight year that the Bruins lost a Game 7 at home.

This time, they made sure it didn't happen again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chan on track for world gold

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▶ Patrick Chan

Canadian Patrick Chan put on a record performance yesterday in his bid for his first world figure skating title in Moscow yesterday.

The 20-year-old from Toronto compiled a world-record score of 93.02 to lead the short program, landing a perfect quad jump to open the program followed by a huge triple axel.

"I was really proud of myself," Chan said. "I was really quite nervous today … I was very happy to keep it together mentally and do what I do in practice. To be able to translate it into competition was a very tough task." THE CANADIAN PRESS

12 Chan takes a huge 12-point lead into today's free program. Japan's Nobunari Oda was second with a score of 81.81.

Sports in brief

Selke finalists announced

NHL. Centres Pavel Datsyuk of Detroit, Vancouver's Ryan Kesler and Jonathan Toews of Chicago were named Frank Selke Trophy nominees yesterday.

The award, given to the NHL's top defensive forward, will be handed out at the NHL awards June 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Knicks stick with Billups

NBA. The New York Knicks announced yesterday they are keeping point guard Chauncey Billups for next season.

He will be on the books for $14.2 million, for his first full season with Amare Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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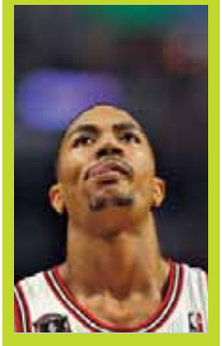

"Last year, we were just saying, 'How are we going to win this game? Do we have a chance?' We really didn't have a chance. This year, we have a chance to win almost every game that we go in."

BULLS POINT GUARD DERRICK ROSE. CHICAGO'S GAME 5 FIRST-ROUND WIN OVER INDIANA ON TUESDAY MARKED JUST THE SECOND TIME THE FRANCHISE HAS WON A PLAYOFF SERIES SINCE THE DAYS OF MICHAEL JORDAN.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)
(Washington wins 4-1)
Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)
(Philadelphia wins 4-3)
Tuesday's result
Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 2
Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)
(Boston wins 4-3)
Last night's result
Boston 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
Tuesday's result
Montreal 2 Boston 1
Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)
(Series tied 3-3)
Last night's result
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)
(Vancouver wins 4-3)
Tuesday's result
Vancouver 2 Chicago 1 (OT)
San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)
(San Jose wins 4-2)
Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)
(Detroit wins 4-0)
Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)
(Nashville wins 4-2)
x — if necessary.

TUESDAY

CANUCKS 2, HAWKS 1 (OT)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 2 (Kesler, Raymond) 2:43
Penalty — Seabrook Chi (cross-checking) 16:21.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Hansen Vcr (tripping) 10:18.
Third Period
2. Chicago, Toews 1 (Hossa, Seabrook) 18:04 (sh)
Missed penalty shot — Burrows Vcr, 0:21.
Penalty — Keith Chi (hooking) 16:43.
First Overtime
3. Vancouver, Burrows 3, 5:22
Penalty — Burrows Vcr (holding) 0:24.
Shots

Chicago	12	6	13	1	—32
Vancouver	8	15	12	3	—38

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,3-4-0); Vancouver: Luongo (W,4-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Chicago: 0-2; Vancouver: 0-2.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Steve Kozari. **Linesmen** — Greg Devorski, Jay Sharrers.
Att. — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

FLYERS 5, SABRES 2

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Coburn 1 (Briere) 19:41
Penalties — Gragnani Buf, Briere Pha (roughing) 2:57, Briere Pha (boarding) 15:23.
Second Period
2. Philadelphia, Briere 6 (Richards, Giroux) 4:45 (pp)
3. Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 4 (Giroux, Pronger) 10:19 (pp)
Penalties — Giroux Pha (interference) 1:04, Myers Buf (interference) 4:40, Butler Buf (hooking) 9:09, Carle Pha (holding) 18:48, Myers Buf (slashing), Coburn Pha (cross-checking) 19:02.
Third Period
4. Philadelphia, Leino 3 (Carle) 1:59
5. Buffalo, Myers 1 (Stafford, Hecht) 6:33
6. Philadelphia, Carcillo 2 (Versteeg, Timonen) 10:03
7. Buffalo, Boyes 1 (Roy, Myers) 15:21 (pp)
Penalties — Gerbe Buf (misconduct), Carcillo Pha (misconduct, game misconduct) 11:45, Timonen Pha (holding) 14:19, Ennis Buf (slashing) 19:01, Butler Buf (slashing) 19:41.
Shots

Buffalo	2	12	14	—28
Philadelphia	16	11	9	—36

Goal (shots-saves) — Buffalo: Miller (L,3-4-0)(28-24), Enroth (1:59 third)(8-7); Philadelphia: Boucher (W,4-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 1-4; Philadelphia: 2-4.
Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Stephen Walkom.
Linesmen — Brad Lazarovich, Brian Murphy.
Att. — 19,966 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Cammalleri, Mtl	3	6	9
Giroux, Pha	1	8	9
St. Louis, TB	4	4	8
Perry, Ana	2	6	8
Briere, Pha	6	1	7
Selanne, Ana	6	1	7
D.Sedin, Vcr	5	2	7
Clowe, SJ	4	3	7
Gagne, TB	2	5	7
Gragnani, Buf	1	6	7
S.Koivu, Ana	1	6	7
Keith, Chi	4	2	6
Burrows, Vcr	3	3	6
Fisher, Nash	3	3	6
Ovechkin, Wash	3	3	6
P.Bergeron, Bos	2	4	6
Bolland, Chi	2	4	6
Datsyuk, Det	2	4	6
Getzlaf, Ana	2	4	6
Hossa, Chi	2	4	6
Lecavalier, TB	2	4	6
Downie, TB	1	5	6
P.Kane, Chi	1	5	6
Myers, Buf	1	5	6
Vanek, Buf	5	0	5
Doan, Phx	3	2	5
Clifford, LA	3	2	5
Sharp, Chi	3	2	5
Ward, Nash	3	2	5
S.Weber, Nash	3	2	5
Couture, SJ	2	3	5
Frolik, Chi	2	3	5
Kelly, Bos	2	3	5
Marleau, SJ	2	3	5
Richardson, LA	2	3	5
Smyth, LA	2	3	5
J.Thornton, SJ	2	3	5
Vrbata, Phx	2	3	5
Brewer, TB	1	4	5
Filpula, Det	1	4	5
Green, Wash	1	4	5
Ja.Johnson, LA	1	4	5
Meszaros, Pha	1	4	5
Purcell, TB	1	4	5
Tootoo, Nash	1	4	5

Last night's games not included

FIGURE SKATING

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Moscow
Men's Short Program
1. Patrick Chan, Toronto, 93.02 points; 2. Nobunari Oda, Japan, 81.81; 3. Daisuke Takahashi, Japan, 80.25; 4. Artur Gachinski, Russia, 78.34; 5. Florent Amodio, France, 77.64; 6. Takahiko Kozuka, Japan, 77.62; 7. Tomas Verner, Czech Republic, 75.94; 8. Michal Brezina, Czech Republic, 77.50; 9. Brian Joubert, France, 71.29; 10. Denis Ten, Kaz., 71.00; **19. Kevin Reynolds, Coquitlam, B.C., 64.36; 21. Joey Russell, Labrador City, N.L., 61.69**
Pairs Short Program
1. Pang Qing and Tong Jian, China, 74.00 points; 2. Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy, Germany, 72.98; 3. Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov, Russia, 70.35; 4. Vera Bazarova and Yuri Larionov, Russia, 64.64; 5. Yuko Kavaguti and Alexander Smirnov, Russia, 62.54; 6. Narumi Takahashi and Mervin Tran, Japan, 59.16; **7. Meagan Duhamel, Lively, Ont., and Eric Radford, Toronto, 58.83;** 8. Caitlin Yankowskas and John Coughlin, U.S., 58.76; 9. Stefania Berton and Ondrej Hotarek, Italy, 57.63; **10. Kirsten Moore-Towers and Dylan Moscovitch, Waterloo, Ont., 56.86**

TENNIS

ATP

BMW OPEN

At Munich
Singles — Second Round
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Mikhail Youzhny (1), Russia, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-2.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Marcos Baghdatis (4), Cyprus, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky (6), Ukraine, 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles — First Round
James Cerretani, U.S., and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.,** def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 10-8 tiebreak.

SERBIA OPEN

At Belgrade, Serbia
Singles — Second Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Adrian Ungur, Romania, 6-2, 6-3.
Albert Montanes (4), Spain, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Ricardo Mello, Brazil, 7-5, 6-3.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Fernando Gonzalez, Chile, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

ATP-WTA

ESTORIL OPEN

At Oeiras, Portugal
Men's Singles — Second Round
Robin Soderling (1), Sweden, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-1.
Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (3), France, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
Thomaz Bellucci (6), Brazil, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
Juan Martin del Potro (8), Argentina, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-2, 6-1.
Women's Singles — Second Round
Alisa Kleybanova (1), Russia, def. Mathilde Johansson, France, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
Jarmila Gajdosova (2), Australia, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 6-2, 6-4.
Klara Zakopalova (3), Czech Republic, def. Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Kristina Barrois, Germany, def. Elena Vesnina (6), Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Greta Arn (8), Hungary, 6-2, 1-0, retired.
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Romina Oprandi, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-4, 6-4.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Sloane Stephens, U.S., 6-4, 6-4.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	8	.619	—
Tampa Bay	11	11	.500	2½
Toronto	11	12	.478	3
Baltimore	10	12	.455	3½
Boston	10	13	.435	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	15	8	.652	—
Detroit	12	11	.522	3
Kansas City	12	12	.500	3½
Minnesota	9	12	.429	5
Chicago	10	15	.400	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	14	9	.609	—
Los Angeles	14	10	.583	½
Oakland	11	13	.458	3½
Seattle	9	15	.375	5½

Last night's results
Baltimore 5 Boston 4
Cleveland 7 Kansas City 2
N.Y. Yankees 3 Chicago White Sox 1
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Seattle at Detroit
Toronto at Texas
Tampa Bay at Minnesota
Tuesday's results
Toronto 10 Texas 3
Baltimore 4 Boston 1
Chicago White Sox 3 N.Y. Yankees 2
Seattle 7 Detroit 3
L.A. Angels 8 Oakland 3
Cleveland 9 Kansas City 4
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, ppd., rain
Today's games
All times Eastern
Seattle (Pineda 3-1) at Detroit (Penny 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-2) at Minnesota (Blackburn 1-3), 1:10 p.m., 1st game
Toronto (Morrow 0-1) at Texas (Ogando 3-0), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 2-1) at Baltimore (Bergesen 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (E.Jackson 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Davies 1-2) at Cleveland (Carmona 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 0-3) at Minnesota (S.Baker 1-2), 8:10 p.m., 2nd game
Tomorrow's games
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	16	8	.667	—
Florida	15	8	.652	½
Atlanta	13	13	.500	4
Washington	10	12	.455	5
New York	10	13	.435	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	12	11	.522	—
Cincinnati	13	12	.520	—
Milwaukee	12	12	.500	½
Pittsburgh	11	13	.458	1½
Chicago	10	13	.435	2
Houston	9	14	.391	3

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	16	7	.696	—
Los Angeles	13	13	.500	4½
San Francisco	11	12	.478	5
Arizona	10	13	.435	6
San Diego	9	16	.360	8

Yesterday's results
Cincinnati 7 Milwaukee 6 (10 innings)
Atlanta 7 San Diego 0
Philadelphia 8 Arizona 4
Pittsburgh 2 San Francisco 0
L.A. Dodgers 5 Florida 4 (10 innings)
Colorado at Chicago, ppd., rain
N.Y. Mets at Washington
St. Louis at Houston
Tuesday's results
San Francisco 3 Pittsburgh 2 (10 innings)
Florida 4 L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 4 Chicago Cubs 3
Houston 6 St. Louis 5
Arizona 7 Philadelphia 5
Atlanta 8 San Diego 2
Milwaukee 3 Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets 6 Washington 4
Today's games
All times Eastern
San Francisco (Vogelsong 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Karstens 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Capuano 2-1) at Washington (L.Hernandez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (McClellan 3-0) at Houston (Figueroa 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 1-2) at Arizona (Enright 0-2), 9:40 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

DIVISIONAL SEMI-FINALS

EAST DIVISION
Saturday's game
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Rochester at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Saturday's games
Colorado at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

SOCCER

Yesterday's results
Home teams listed first

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Fulham 3 Bolton 0

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMI-FINALS

(First Leg)
Real Madrid (Spain) 0 Barcelona (Spain) 2

NBA

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago (1) vs. Indiana (8)
(Chicago wins 4-1)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 116 Indiana 89
Miami (2) vs. Philadelphia (7)
(Miami leads 3-1)
Last night's result
Philadelphia at Miami
Tomorrow's game
x-Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Philadelphia at Miami, TBD
Boston (3) vs. New York (6)
(Boston wins 4-0)
Orlando (4) vs. Atlanta (5)
(Atlanta leads 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Orlando 101 Atlanta 76
Tonight's game
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Atlanta at Orlando, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio (1) vs. Memphis (8)
(Memphis leads 3-1)
Last night's result
Memphis at San Antonio
Tomorrow's game
x-San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Memphis at San Antonio, TBD
L.A. Lakers (2) vs. New Orleans (7)
(L.A. Lakers lead 3-2)
Tuesday's result
L.A. Lakers 106 New Orleans 90
Tonight's game
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, TBD
Dallas (3) vs. Portland (6)
(Dallas leads 3-2)
Tonight's game
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Portland at Dallas, TBD
Oklahoma City (4) vs. Denver (5)
(Oklahoma City leads 3-1)
Last night's result
Denver at Oklahoma City
Tomorrow's game
x-Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Denver at Oklahoma City, TBD
x — if necessary.

CYCLING

TOUR DE ROMANDIE

At Leysin, Switzerland
Second stage
1. Pavel Brutt, Russia, Katusha, 4 hours, 27 minutes, 41 seconds; 2. Oleksandr Kuachuk, Ukraine, Lampre-ISD, 0:56 behind; 3. Branislau Samoilau, Belarus, Movistar, 1:15; 4. Jack Bobridge, Australia, Garmin-Cervelo, 1:23
Overall Standings
1. Pavel Brutt, Russia, Katusha, 4 hr, 31 min, 26 sec; 2. Oleksandr Kuachuk, Ukraine, Lampre-ISD, 1:00 behind; 3. Branislau Samoilau, Belarus, Movistar, 1:22; 4. Jack Bobridge, Australia, Garmin-Cervelo, 1:31

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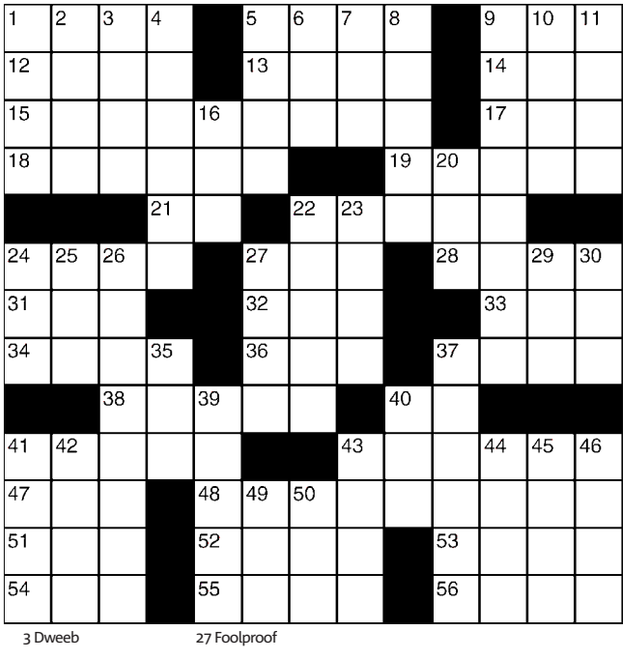

Across

1 Locate
5 Society newbies
9 Opposite of "trans-"
12 Vicinity
13 Eastern nursemaid
14 Blackjack part
15 Meat-eater
17 Deteriorate
18 Last
19 Food from heaven
21 Exist
22 Syrup provider
24 Chantilly, e.g.
27 Kenny G's instrument
28 On in years
31 "I — Rock"
32 Luau music provider
33 "— been had!"
34 Lancaster foe
36 Roulette bet
37 Option for 15-Across
38 "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
40 Italian river
41 "Remember the —!"
43 Water-boiling device
47 Off-roader, for short
48 Boutonniere, often
51 — jiffy
52 Floor in the ring
53 Show the way
54 Texter's "That's funny!"
55 "Pygmalion" writer
56 Sea flock

Down

1 Confront
2 Tehran's land
3 Dweeb
4 Viennese waterway
5 Jay's rival
6 Comic Philips
7 Prohibit
8 Brother of Moe
9 — Hall
10 PC picture
11 — good example
16 Anger
20 Carte intro
22 Smith
23 Pink-slipped
24 Deposit
25 Latin 101 word
26 Fair
27 Foolproof
29 Leading lady?
30 3, on the phone
35 Neb. neighbor
37 Perfume holder
39 Adorns
40 Shell-game need
41 Letters and such
42 Periodic Table fig.
43 Recognize
44 Layer
45 Bank transaction
46 Odds' mates
49 "That feels so-o-o good!"
50 Scandinavian rug

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 What is your top aim? Go for it with everything you've got over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The more you desire, the more you'll get. It's the perfect day.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Make sure you know how much you're worth, not just financially but intellectually, too.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make an effort to make others feel special and they will make efforts that enrich you, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You'll get through a mountain of work today and people in positions of authority will be impressed.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Creatively and romantically this is one of the best days of the year. Make it count.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what needs to be done and you know that now is the time to get on and do it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You don't want or need any help today. Do it yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You want to prove that you have what it takes, but don't take on too much.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Today's Sun-Pluto link encourages you to believe that you can take on the world and win.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want to succeed, you'll need to enlist people with knowledge superior to yours.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't limit yourself. Be more adventurous. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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